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FROM EUROPE.

ARRIVAL OF THE ARAGO.

Sixty Inward Among Its Passengers.

THE MEXICAN QUESTION IN ENGLAND.

The Approaching Congress.

POLITICAL AND GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

The United States Mail Steamship Arago, Capt. Lott, from Southampton, on the 14th of December, arrived at this port last evening.

Also arrived, the passengers, the usual mails, and a large and valuable cargo.

Amongst the passengers are Hon. W. H. Seward, Mr. Chevalier Wikoff, Mr. Donald McKay, and Rev. Dr. M. Hynes, accompanied by Mr. W. A. Adams, of Niblo's, with a portion of the artists from Niblo's Royal Astley Amphitheatre, London, for Niblo's Garden.

The steamship *Canada* arrived at Queenstown on the afternoon of Dec. 13.

The bark *Eagle*, of Windsor, Nova Scotia, from Pernambuco to Boston, sank, Nov. 10, in lat. 27 N., long. 70 W. Crew taken off, and landed at Flores, one of the Western Islands.

The London Times says: "The transmission of the mails from America via Cork has not been begun successfully. Instead of the letters by the Canada having been continued, they have been stranded. The steamer landed them yesterday at Queenstown, at 1½ o'clock, and then proceeded to Liverpool, where she landed this morning. The Liverpool merchants will, therefore, be enabled to reply by the *Arago* and *Hibernia*, steamers, which leave to-morrow, while in London no delivery has yet taken place. The speeches have created above Irish sentiment to facilitate the communication with the United States and the public be chosen a better result."

AFFAIRS IN ENGLAND.

The Prince de Joinville—The Plenipotentiaries—Congress—The Italian Question—The War Panic—Kossuth Tighe.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1859.

We have not yet heard the last of the extraordinary statement regarding the Prince de JOINVILLE, recently made at Bath by Mr. ROEBUCK. The letter written two or three days after by the Prince was taken by the public as a denial of the allegation that he had, while enjoying the hospitality of England, of about to consider to the French Government a plan accompanied with certain surveys, he had himself made with a view to the invasion of this country. It is now also the doubt is not unequivocal, but that it contains loop-holes as to time, through which in case of necessity his Orleanist Highness may escape without incurring the charge of positive falsehood. By this, as it may, Mr. ROEBUCK, I know, will stick to his original story, and is prepared to name the individual by whom he was first recommended to inquire into the matter. The nobleman who he states had seen the letter of the Prince in the hands of a French Minister is dead, but the gentleman who told him it fell on the late Lord ——— is living, and able to [illegible] that he was [illegible] in Parliament meets the member from Rochdale will be eagerly interrogated on the subject, and if he be, he is not the man to be deterred by any petty quibble of delicacy from making a clean breast of it. Should the discussion end in leaving the point in doubt as to the nature of the communication said to have been addressed to the French Minister for Foreign Affairs, it will not be destitute of political consequence. There is a growing belief here that the Orleanist Party, encouraged by the English Court, are among the most active intriguers to bring about a war between this country and France. Their avowed belief is that in such a struggle, Louis NAPOLEON would, like his uncle, be defeated; and that his overthrow would be the result. We do not take their real or pretended belief in the invincibility as any particular compliment; and we should regard their attempt to embroil us with our next-door neighbors as an unmixed mischief which, as our political guests, we should not be disposed quietly to stand. It therefore lies upon the friends and adherents of the Bourbon family to have the difficulty cleared up as speedily as they can; and Mr. ROEBUCK is very apt to provoke them to make the attempt.

Lord WODEHOUSE has not yet been officially named as candidate to Lord COWLEY to the forthcoming Congress at Paris. He says, himself, he does not wish to go; but that inclination he will not mind. By the other Courts the nomination of an undistinguished undersecretary as special envoy, will, of course, be taken to mean that Great Britain enters coldly into the affair, and that all material points of controversy will, so far as she is concerned, be resolved upon in Downing-street, and not at the palace of the Luxembourg. Lord WODEHOUSE is a diligent and not a dull man; but he is no [illegible] of political courage as a diplomatist. He experienced his official resistance in Russia after the Crimean War, being, at necessity a very stagnant business. He was sent with scantily [illegible] and powers to occupy the position and save appearances, while the Court of St. Petersburgh was concerting its equanimity and good-humor, and he had to put up with a good deal of snubbing and neglect during his stay. Your old acquaintance, Sir W. CASEMENT, is his successor, and a better, I believe.

A curious document has been exhumed from its [illegible] burying-place at Ferrara, by those who have been recently exploring such places, under the direction of the Dictator FARINI and his subordinates in the administration of the Italian Duchies. It is the authentic copy of a dispatch addressed to the Cardinal Secretary of State by the Papal Commissioner sent in 1856 to the Legations, to inquire what manner of character and influence could be engaged in the service of the Holy See, in case a Provincial Executive were constituted on, how exclusively ecclesiastical. Monsignor writes confidentially that after minute inquiry he grieves to be obliged to state that he can not find a single layman of any degree of merit or distinction who was not disaffected to the political authority of the Pope.

Sir ANTONIO PANIZZI, for many years British Consul at Brest, is now in London. He tells everybody that so far within means of observation enable him to form an opinion, there never was a more quiet population than that of late prevailing here with respect to French naval preparations for war. Brest, as you know, was long the chief port and arsenal which France possessed on the Atlantic; it is now passed in importance to Cherbourg, but it is still of great importance as a place where ships of war are constantly built, repaired and fitted for sea. At the present moment, and according to this most reliable authority, no extraordinary work of any kind going on, nor has there been during the Summer or Autumn. He attributes the tremendous results of inquiries he has caused to be made to the fact that, everywhere, at Cherbourg and elsewhere, along the entire coast of France, the conclusion to which all of them point is the same. The whole, or nearly the whole French fleet is in port in the Mediterranean, where, as all the world is aware, they are just now more than matched by the English squadron at Gibraltar.

Mr. LEVER, the originator of the Galway Packet Line, is in treaty with the Directors (query, one-direct-[illegible] *Great Eastern*, with a view to her purchase from them.

MISCELLANEOUS ENGLISH NEWS.

A meeting of shareholders (privately convened) of the Great Ship Company was held on the 12th, in anticipation of the general meeting called by the Directors. The latter, however, having been put off to the 11th of January, it was received unanimously to adjourn to the 6th of that month. There was a long discussion, in the course of which considerable dissatisfaction was expressed with the past management, and resolutions to that effect were at one period proposed, but, in consequence of the adjournment, they were not submitted. It is understood that the next meeting will be held only *pro forma*, and no other business will then be transacted, but it will be in the power of the shareholders to raise a discussion by [illegible] amendments. The course, however, is generally [illegible] not to be precedential, and is not likely to be adopted.

It has been decided, with the concurrence of Lord PALMERSTON and the other distinguished personages who had accepted invitations to partake of the Christmas holidays the marked compliment to be given by the Southampton Chamber of Commerce to the Directors of the Great Ship Company.

The Times believes that Lord WODEHOUSE will go to Paris as second Plenipotentiary at the approaching Congress.

The unusually heavy gale, or rather hurricane, of the night of Oct. 26 last, was unexampled in its work of destruction in very maritime records. The majority of the whole work of destruction, from the 25th October to the 9th November, is distressing in the extreme to contemplate. It was of following: Total shipwrecks, 235; total lives lost, 145. It is gratifying to find that on these occasions 457 lives were rescued by life-boats and other means from the sea wrecks.

Lady FRANKLIN is expected in Paris, and it is the intention of the different scientific sections of the Academie to receive her with the honors usual upon the reception of royalty.

The *Observer* says the death of Earl DE GREY would, under ordinary circumstances, have placed a blue thread at the disposal of her Majesty, but in consequence of the gracious gift of an extra garter by the Queen to Lord DERBY, he will now occupy the vacant stall in St. George's Chapel at Windsor, and the ordinary Knights will stand at the usual number, and the present vacancy will not be filled up.

The sketches and collections of the late Mr. LESLIE will pass, next year, under the hammer of an auctioneer.

The proposed hotel, which will be built on some land adjoining the London Bridge Terminal, will contain 200 sleeping-rooms. The returns of the different railways which have their termini at London Bridge show that not less than 10,000,000 persons travel annually upon those lines.

Two additional batteries of Armstrong guns were on Friday proved at Woolwich with perfect satisfaction, and two other batteries underwent the same ordeal on Saturday, with the same result. They were subsequently removed in cases to the military store department, to be packed for immediate transmission by the overland route to China. The total number now ready for the expedition, and which will be dispatched during the present week, amounts to 99.

The Waterford *Mail* states that a memorial is now lying for signature at the County and City Clubhouse, and that when a sufficient number of names have been affixed, it will be forwarded to Lord CARDIGAN, praying for sanction in order to form a volunteer corps in the City of Waterford.

Mr. WILLIAM ATHERTON, Q. C., M. P., has received the appointment of Solicitor-General, rendered vacant by the appointment of Sir HENRY KNATCHBULL to the judicial bench. He has represented the city of Durham since 1852, and is what may be considered a very advanced Liberal, being in favor of the ballot, a large reform of the laws, the removal of all religious disabilities, and the extension of the suffrage.

The Surrey Music-hall being now opened on Sunday evenings, for the performance of music, although chiefly sacred, Mr. SPURGEON has declined to preach there again. He now preaches at Exeter Hall.

A dispatch dated at Cahore, Dec. 11, says: "The ship *Somnauth*, CURRIE, master, from Fleetwood bound to Savannah, North America, struck the Blackwater Bank last night. The captain's wife and 17 of the crew arrived in their boats near this place; but he himself and three of his crew are on board the Blackwater Light-ship. The life-boat of the Royal National Life-boat Institution was put to sea as soon as we heard of the wreck; but she has not returned in time to report any further particulars before the post closes."

FRANCE.

The Council of State is preparing a project of law reducing the Customs duties, more especially on articles of primary necessity. Marshal RANDON, the Minister of War, has, it is said, tendered his resignation.

M. EUGÈNE GIRARDIN's *brochure*, "L'Empereur NAPOLÉON III. et L'Europe," has at last appeared. The impression was seized at the printer's on the 13th November, the day before its intended publication, on the warrant of the Judge d'Instruction. The legality of this premature seizure was contested; the *brochure* was finally restored to the printer, and was forthwith published, with the exception of some passages which might be construed into offence to the Emperor, and which were omitted.

An Imperial decree in the *Bulletin des Lois* opens an extraordinary credit of 140,000 francs for the expenses of repairing the old residence of LONGWOOD and the tomb of NAPOLEON I., at St. Helena, and the appropriation of other parts of the domain of the Val Napoleon.

The frigate *Forte* quitted Cherbourg on the 7th for China, with 400 men, and 200 seamen, drilled to the use of the musket. The *Rhone*, with the Second Battalion of Riflemen, is expected to sail immediately for China.

The *France Centrale*, published at Blois, has received a second warning for having protested against the first.

MME. LAMORNA has lodged an appeal against her sentence before the Court of Cassation.

Trade in Paris has been more active during the last week. Speculators begin to feel a certain degree of confidence in the maintenance of friendly relations between England and France, since the semi-official announcement that the representatives of these Powers will enter Congress with a friendly feeling towards each other. The accounts from Lyons are not satisfactory.

Trade in Marseilles is in a state of complete stagnation.

A dispatch dated at Paris on the evening of the 13th says:

Business continues active, but prices are less firm. Rentes close at 70f. 60c., or about the same as yesterday.

THE GENERAL CONGRESS.

A dispatch from Turin says: "The Austrian letter of invitation to the Congress, signed by Count RECHBERG, has arrived, and is couched in the same terms as that of France to Piedmont."

The nomination of the Chevalier DE JOCRAN as Minister Plenipotentiary of the King of Sardinia to the Court of Vienna has been definitively decided upon.

It is asserted that the adhesions of Rome and Naples to the Congress have arrived, that Naples will send two Plenipotentiaries; and also that all the Powers invited to the Congress have now sent in their adhesions.

The *Pays*, of Dec. 12, announces that "the Congress is now constituted in principle. The unanimous adhesion to it proves that Europe knows how to appreciate and acknowledge the energetic and loyal policy of the Emperor, and allows us to presage a satisfactory solution of the difficulties of the Italian question."

The Paris correspondent of the London *Times* writes on the 9th inst.:

"Sweden, I understand, has sent in her affirmative reply to the *billets de faire part* of France to attend the Congress. The Pope does not absolutely refuse to be represented at it, but he has an objection to appearing before what his Minister calls a tribunal. In the interview which the Nuncio has had with M. WALEWSKI on the subject, the latter protested that there was not the slightest intention of summoning His Holiness before a tribunal, and that neither France nor any other Power following the policy of France meant to interfere with His Holiness' power as sovereign, or as head of the Catholic Church. As for the question of Reform, the Pope will think about it when he is reinstated in all his rights. This, of course, refers to the Romagna. The Papal Government has not yet given its reply to M. WALEWSKI's letter of convocation; neither has Naples. The King of the Two Sicilies will very probably wait till he hears from M. ANTONINI the particulars of his conversation with the Emperor NAPOLEON at Compiègne. It is still uncertain whether Count CAVOUR will take his seat as representative for Piedmont."

It has been hinted that the Russian Government intends to call the attention of the Congress to the fact that little or nothing has been done by the Porte for its Christian subjects since the conclusion of the *Treaty of Paris*. In a letter from St. Petersburgh it is said that the Russian Cabinet will strongly suspects the Emperor of the French of an intention to place his cousin on a Central Italian throne.

CIRCULAR OF THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.

Correspondence of the London Times.

VIENNA, Thursday, Dec. 1.

In one of my more recent letters, I alluded to a circular which a few days ago was forwarded to the principal diplomatic agents of this Government, and the semi-official *Dresden Gazette* now gives the following summary of its contents:

"As the treaty of Zurich modifies important parts of the Treaties of Vienna, Austria insisted (*insistire dovuto*) that all the parties who signed the Act of Convention in 1815 should be admitted in the proposed Congress. The notice of the Congress was recognized by France, and it is to be hoped the other Governments will take the same view of the case. If it is indispensable that the representatives of Rome, Sardinia, and Naples should be invited to attend the Congress, the respect due to the legitimate rights of Princes renders it necessary that no subject of vital importance to Sovereigns should be discussed without a hearing being given to their representatives (*nisse dire ovvero sia Ldrn.*) Thus representatives of Tuscany, Parma and Modena ought to be invited, "as soon as these countries are in a state which is calculated to give a guarantee for their complete (*indipendenza*). The welfare of Italy can only be firmly established if the country is protected against the continental attacks which the spirit of revolution directs against the edifice of social and religious order. The necessary protection can be afforded by means of institutions (*ordinamenti*) which give stability to the throne and happiness to the people. The return of the Princes who have been forced by factions to leave their States and the restoration of the power of the Papal Chair in the provinces which are in a state of revolution appear to be the first things necessary. When these objects have been attained a Confederation in imitation of the German Bund can be established, the organization of which would be the private business (*affari esclusivi*) of the Italian Powers.

Such principles as the foregoing are probably entertained by all those Powers which wish to protect the cause of order against the dangers that menace it. During the Congress it may be advisable (*sarà necessario*) to avoid all discussion on subjects which are not in connection with the matters above-mentioned, "as an indefinite extension of the functions of the Congress would easily lead to serious complications."

SPAIN.

Progress of the Morocco War.

A telegraphic dispatch from Madrid, dated Dec. 10, announces as follows:

"The Spaniards have just obtained a new victory. The Moors, this time 18,000 strong, attacked the redoubts. They were gloriously repulsed by the second *corps d'armée*, which entered into line, for the first time, under the command of the brave Gen. ZARALA.

"The number of dead on the side of the Moors is more than 300, and 1,000 wounded. The Spaniards had had 40 killed and 260 wounded.

"The sea continues impenetrable, and it is for the moment impossible to effect fresh embarkations."

The following dispatch was published at Madrid on the 10th.

CAMP ETCETRO, Friday, Dec. 9, (evening.)

This morning the enemy impetuously attacked our redoubts, but were energetically repulsed by the garrisons, and retired to the valley commanded by these redoubts. The enemy then came up again, but were attacked and repulsed by 10,000 men of the Second Corps, serving as our vanguard. The Moors lost 300 killed, and 1,000 wounded. The approximate loss of the Spanish was 30 officers, 40 killed, and 250 men wounded.

A letter from Malaga speaks of the departure from that port on the 5th, of a third Spanish army corps, in steamers. These troops are chiefly infantry, and are supposed to be intended to assist in the storming of Tetuan. Cholera is said to have broken out in the Spanish army. According to late dispatches, the Spanish forces are unable to take the offensive, and are continually attacked by the Moors.

Gen. O'DONNELL, in the orders to his troops, desires them not to lose sight of the fact that the Moors make no prisoners—that every individual taken by them is first tortured, then put to death without pity, and his bleeding limbs carried about as trophies among these savage tribes. He also informs his army that they are to respect the lives and properties of the persons who may receive the army pacifically; that the same rule must be observed in action with regard to the wounded and prisoners, even should the enemy act otherwise.

The Madrid *Gazette* of the 6th contains an Order of the Day, addressed by the General commanding-in-chief the expedition of Morocco to the first *corps d'armée*, expressing approbation of the manner in which its disembarkation was effected, of the resignation it displayed under privations, and of its courage in combats. The journals say that at the latest dates from Morocco the troops were suffering greatly from cold, rain and wind, and that their tents, being of an old model and material, do not afford them sufficient protection. A journal states that in the bombardment of the forts of Tetuan by the French, the Admiral's ship, the *Bretagne*, and also the *St. Louis*, were struck by cannon balls and sustained some damage; the former had also a man wounded.

THE LATEST.

MADRID, Monday, Dec. 12.

Yesterday the Third *corps d'armée* embarked at Malaga. The enthusiasm was very great.

Immediately on the arrival of the flotilla at Ceuta the Spaniards were to take the offensive and offer battle to the enemy.

Cholera had diminished in the encampment.

ITALY.

The Provisional Government of Tuscany has, by allowing a discount, collected in advance the land tax for 1860, amounting to between 6,000,000 and 7,000,000 of francs.

The Grand Duke FERDINAND IV., of Tuscany, has arrived at Basle in the strictest *incognito*. The Grand Duke, it is expected, will reside in France during the sitting of the Congress.

The Modena *Gazette*, of the 6th, contains an official article, in which it is stated that the publication of the Sardinian Constitution and code of laws in the Modenese provinces had led to a memorial on the part of the bishops of the said provinces, protesting against those provisions which related to the Church; that this memorial had received an official reply from the Government, and that the whole transaction was intended to be kept private; but that, the bishops having given to their act publicity in their sectarian journals, the Government no longer considers itself bound to keep silence, and consequently publishes all the authentic documents relating to the affair.

A new journal at Milan, the Perseveranza, has published a note addressed to the European Congress of 1860 by the Neapolitan emigrants. This memorial exposes the state of the administration and of the Government in the Kingdom of Naples, the absence of political and judicial guarantees, and the abuses *which, it declares, would render the wisest laws ineffectual and vain.* The statement of these complaints *is supported by names and dates. The memorial* concludes by saying that the Neapolitan Government ought to be completely remodeled prior to its admission into the Italian Confederation.

GERMANY.

The Imperial Law Gazette of Dec. 13 publishes a decree, ordering the payment of the interest on the *National Loan*, falling due on and after the 1st of January next, to be effected in silver, as formerly.

In the Federal Diet, on the 16th, the Committee of Electoral Hesse was increased the appointment of representatives of Austria, Prussia, Bavaria and Saxony.

The health of the King of Prussia is said to be improved. He is still at San Souci.

DENMARK.

The *Dagbladet* announces that Prince CHRISTIAN, of Denmark, has refused the post of Governor of Holstein offered to him. Government has, in consequence, given up the project.

Fifty-eight of the principal members of the Diet have presented an address of confidence to the former President of the Ministry, M. VON HALL. This address includes a vote of "no confidence" in the present President of the Ministry, M. ROTWITT.

RUSSIA.

It is whispered that an attempt recently made by a Russian expedition to proceed from the Caspian, by way of the Lake of Aral, to Central Asia, has signally failed.

CANARY ISLANDS.

The African mail steamer *Ethiope* brings the following intelligence, dated Teneriffe, Dec. 1: Captain GEORGE WALLES and four men of the American schooner *William* had been landed near Teneriffe by a French vessel. They had been abandoned by their vessel, which was in charge of the mate, while engaged in obtaining provisions from the French bark *Jeannie*.

LATEST BY THE ARAGO.

MARSEILLES, Tuesday night.

Letters from Constantinople to the 7th announce positively that on the preceding Thursday M. BROWNELL remitted a note to the Porte, containing an ultimatum demand for a firman favorable to M. DE LESSEPS' Suez Canal project. The Ambassadors of Austria, Prussia, Russia and Sardinia, simultaneously supported that demand, according to their instructions. A Council of Ministers was then held. TAHA PASHA contended that he had formally engaged to refuse the authorization of the Canal project. The Grand Vizier declared that he would not recognize such engagements. After a stormy discussion the Ministers agreed to request the Powers that made the demand to come to some understanding with England on the matter.

Sir HENRY BULWER had been received by the Sultan and had numerous conferences with the Ministers.

Circassians continued to emigrate in great numbers.

MARSEILLES, Tuesday, Dec. 13.

The third corps d'armée disembarked at Ceuta.

Gen. PRIM had been attacked on his road to Tetuan. The Moors were repulsed with great loss. The Spanish had forty killed and wounded.

PARIS, Thursday, Dec. 15.

Count PERSIGNY is expected to leave to-morrow for Berlin. He is expected to be back in time for the diplomatic reception on New-Year's day.

The Mexican Question.

APPEAL OF BRITISH SUBJECTS TO THE GOVERNMENT.

The following address, which has been signed by almost every firm trading with Mexico, has just been presented to Lord JOHN RUSSELL:

"The undersigned merchants of the City of London, being deeply interested in the trade between this country and Mexico, beg to call your lordship's attention to the very disagreeable position of those who are connected with the trade of that country, believing your lordship may be able in some way to afford them relief from the pressure and difficulties they are encountering.

"For many years past the English have been encouraged, in consequence of the policy adopted by the British Government, to increase their trade with Mexico. They have appointed agencies there, and have also invested considerable sums of money in mines and other industrial establishments. The civil war which is now unfortunately raging in that country has not only put a stop to all business, but has prevented the English agents from sending home the money due to their employers. These agents have also been put under very heavy contributions, and, as they are the chief persons capable of paying taxes, the Mexican Government is not very scrupulous in levying new, as soon as they have been compelled to pay the old taxes. The inconvenience set from the impossibility of remitting home the money lying in Mexico is very great, and your Lordship is respectfully requested to give our representatives instructions to concert with the English as to the best way of improving their position and of protecting their property, and, if necessary, to consult and act with the representatives of other Powers in order to carry out their views. It is also very desirable that our Minister or representative should endeavor to obtain a change in the oppressive system by which the Government raises money, and should protest against the arbitrary acts of the Government in imposing taxes which fall more heavily on foreigners than on the Mexicans. And, lastly, that the party which is in office and in possession of the Government, and to whom the British Minister or Representative is accredited, ought to be considered the Government *de facto*. Every Government, therefore, ought to respect the Acts referring to British subjects, and the contracts made with them by a preceding Government to which our representative had been accredited.

LONDON, Nov. 29, 1859."

COMMENT OF THE LONDON PRESS.

From the London Times.

What is to become of that beautiful and romantic land which was once the pride of the Spanish Empire, and even in the last generation roused the sympathies and admiration of the world? Mexico, the rich and magnificent, the treasury of her former masters, and the hope of the enterprising but a few short years ago, is now in the lowest depths of degradation, her government alternate tyranny and anarchy, her people sinking yearly lower into the slough of ignorance and helplessness, her glorious capital with its palaces and churches going slowly to decay, and her land returning to a state of nature. How rapid has been the descent since the last few years we may realize by considering the condition of the country even at the time when Texas was annexed. But thirteen years ago the Spanish-American Republic was thought by the two most experienced statesmen in Europe, Sir R. PEEL and M. GUIZOT, to have in it the elements of vitality and strength. The progress of the United States was at that time looked upon with some degree of concern by the statesmen of Europe, and the favorite project was to build up in Mexico a fabric capable of resisting the advance of the Anglo-Saxon wave. This American balance of power may have been always a chimera, but the fact that it could have entered the brains of men of sense shows that even in 1846 Mexico appeared to the world as a State of resources and strength. But who would think now of opposing American ambition by means of any Mexican organization? So far from expecting that Mexico will be able to keep a single province which the United States desire to possess, *the prevalent feeling is a kind of desire that the Americans may bring matters to a close by occupying the whole country.* To put this miserable bastard Republic out of its misery, to prevent savage revolutionary leaders from hanging, shooting, and torturing whenever the fortune of some petty skirmish gives them the opportunity, to restore peace to an unhappy population, security to foreign merchants and settlers, to open a field for enterprise, to make the immense mineral wealth of the country available for the world's purposes—all these are things which, seemingly, can be only done by some foreign intervention; for the men of the Spanish or half-caste races have had a long trial, and have shown themselves capable only of bigotry, ferocity, and greediness.

Things have now come to such a point that there is no security to foreigners, either for their persons or their properties. Englishmen have been not only *systematically robbed by inordinate taxation*, by forced requisitions, and by the obstacles thrown in the way of their business, but they have been personally ill-treated, threatened, imprisoned, driven from town to town, or entirely out of the Mexican territory. *Their lives and the lives of their families are in danger; their property, realized perhaps by years of industry, is confiscated by political commotions, and* their right, under the law of nations, to dwell where they please and to carry on their lawful business is constantly violated. In these circumstances a very well drawn address to Lord JOHN RUSSELL, as Foreign *Secretary, has been signed by the great body of the* English merchants interested in foreign commerce, and we publish it in another column. It calls attention to the position of British subjects residing in Mexico or trading with that country; reminds the Minister that for many years the policy of our Government has been such as to encourage Englishmen *to increase their trade with Mexico, and that accordingly* great sums of money have been sunk in mines and other *industrial enterprises. The present civil* war has not only put an end to all business, but has prevented the agents of English traders from remitting the money due to their employers. These agents, too, being known to possess funds, have been subjected *to excessive taxation, or rather to the confiscation* of their property under legal forms. The address then prays that the Government will "give our representatives instructions to concert with the English as to the best mode of improving their position *and of protecting their property; and, if necessary,* consult and act with the representatives of *foreign Powers." It is here that the petitioners* have to meet the real difficulty of the case. They know what they suffer, but they are as little able as Lord JOHN RUSSELL to devise a remedy. They, the merchants, the holders of mining shares, the owners *of property in Mexico, the principals of agents who* are being daily robbed, have no advice for Lord JOHN RUSSELL but that he should "give our Representatives instructions to concert with the English as to the best mode of improving their condition." Now, anything that England, the United States and France can do collectively they can do singly, and as yet England has no right of forcible interference. Certainly the ill-treatment of our people may be held to demand an explanation, but the petitioners plainly do not believe that our Government would gain anything by sending a squadron to Vera Cruz. By omitting to state what course they think Lord JOHN RUSSELL should adopt they admit the impossibility of a present remedy, and we fear that their grievances are indeed past redress. The case is this.—Mexico has fallen into complete anarchy, and there is no real Government, no system of finance, no police, no authority which is respected or to we on the individual can appeal. The English residents who have cast in their lot with the inhabitants, and the traders *who have invested money in enterprises of the* country, are in the same position as the Mexicans themselves. How can we or any one interfere but by taking possession of the country? Of whom are we to demand an explanation? The chief of the Republic *to-day may be a fugitive in a week, while his* rival steps into power and wreaks vengeance on all the late officials. Suppose we ask for satisfaction; who is to give it? The outrage may have been committed by the other party, or by some independent *Indian hundreds of miles off, or there may be no* police to prevent a repetition of the act, and no money to compensate it. In fact, where *there is no settled Government* the ordinary international remedies fail. The question whether the British Government should interfere to save our people and their capital from injury depends solely on the fact whether there is a possibility of such an interference. We think there is not, except by remonstrances addressed to whichever party may happen to be in the ascendant. A community may by absolute anarchy acquire a kind of irresponsibility, and it seems to us that such is the condition of Mexico at the present time. It is not until a settled Government is established that we shall find any authority which we can hold responsible. The experimental of general *would* be a declaration of war and the occupation of the country. Not from this cause the American Union, in [illegible] population, ignorant in the last degree, and [illegible] so far as we can judge, of your force against the majority of freemen. We must trust that the civil war will soon come out, and allow foreign capital and enterprise to do something for this unfortunate country.

The Liverpool and New-York Steamers.

From the London Times, Dec. 13.

An account was given on Friday of the way in which preferences are shown by contract mail steamships, wholly irrespective of their substitution, to enable them to crush every other of unwilling competition. The case specially cited was that of the Liverpool and New-York Steam Company, whose chief profits are derived from the emigrants, but who are subjected to detention of their carts of departure in England and Ireland, while their rivals of the Cunard line, and of the Montreal Ocean Steam Company are freed from these vexations because they have Government contracts. It now appears that the former company appealed to the Treasury on the subject, but was put by the place, which is undoubtedly valid as far as their Lordships are concerned, that the contracts were granted by the Legislature, and therefore cannot be set aside by any subsequent interference. This, however, will not relieve the Government from charge that it has placed a Company upon a fair footing during the next Session of Parliament. Meanwhile one feature of injustice remaining unanswered. The Montreal Company are exempted by reason of their being alleged to possess a British Government contract; but it is denied that they have any such claim. Their vessels are registered at Glasgow as belonging to the United Kingdom, while their contract is simply from the Governor-General of Canada; and, according to an opinion from Mr. HARRISS on a case submitted to him, the Postmaster-General has no legal authority for the favor which has been shown. Yet the wrong does not end here, for the complainants (the Liverpool and New-York Company) are told by the same counsel that he is not aware of any Court that has jurisdiction in such a matter, and that consequently he is unable to suggest any method of obtaining redress.

CONGRESS.

FURTHER DEBATES IN THE HOUSE.

A Southern Opposition Candidate Accepted by the Administration Party.

ANOTHER INEFFECTUAL VOTE FOR SPEAKER.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 28.

The kindly consequent upon the holidays was more apparent in the proceedings of the House to-day than on any previous occasion; everybody stamped and hallooed, but no one listened. The utmost uproar and confusion prevailed all day. Mr. MORRIS, of Illinois, reviewed old quarrels, and opened old sores, much to the annoyance of his Democratic colleagues, and against their solemn protest, as well as against the earnest protest of Senator DOUGLAS; all of whom desire to forget dead issues, and to secure harmony in their party ranks. Mr. MORRIS continues his raid upon the Administration to-morrow.

The voting to-day indicated only the hopelessness of effecting an organization. Mr. MAYNARD, of Tennessee, (old line Whig,) received a highly complimentary vote, and would make a splendid presiding officer, but several of the South Americans refused to vote for him, although he is the best man of their party. The Democrats are divided in opinion; some advise rallying on Mr. MAYNARD; some advocate the policy of taking Mr. HAMILTON, of Texas, while others insist on MILES TAYLOR. A union, however, would effect nothing; nor is there at present any prospect for an election.

Despatches from Costa Rica represent the new Government as in a frightful condition, and as even more tyrannical than was that of President MORA. The Conservatives hold the balance of power, and may possible hold the extremes in check. One of their leading men admits that it is easier to effect a revolution than to control the political elements afterwards, for the good of the State.

Mr. DIMITRY writes that he is now in Nicaragua, endeavoring to settle the Transit difficulties, under special instructions sent him; but the prospect is not flattering, so great is the contest between parties there.

The new French Minister is not Count MARCOMA, as has been reported, but M. MARCOIA, a very different personage. M. MARCOIA has been promoted from the Second Secretary of Legation, and is obscure in origin. He lately married a lady of family and fortune.

The Board appointed to test the rifle cannon at Fort Monroe recommend the appointment of a permanent Board for testing firearms, and say that the era of smooth-bore guns for field exercise has passed. They urge the necessity for further experiments.

Lieut.-Col. W. SEAWELL, of the Eighth Infantry, assumed command of the Department of Texas on the 19th inst.

Assistant-Surgeon R. L. BAKER will remain on *duty at San Antonio, to give professional attendance* to Lieut. HAZEN, Eighth Infantry, suffering from severe wounds received in an Indian engagement.

Brevet-Major FRANCIS O. WEST, *Captain Third Artillery*, has been sentenced, by Court-martial, to be *reprimanded in General Orders*, confined in arrest at his post on the San Juan Island, and suspended from rank and pay till the 1st of January next. He was convicted *of signing false certificates of transportation*, and the Court admonished him that persistence in his course would eventually lead to his dismissal from *the Army.*

The following is the letter of Mr. WENTZELL, which damaged Gen. BOWMAN's chances for the printership, in the Senatorial Caucus:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5, 1859.

DEAR SIR: In answer to yours of the 6th inst., I would say that the following are the facts in relation to my transfer of the *Union* newspaper to GEORGE W. BOWMAN, presuming that he was at the time Superintendent of the Public Printing, and that the following extract from the United States Statutes at Large, Thirty-second Congress, first session, chapter 91, section 6, page 82, has an immediate bearing on the case:

SECTION 6. That the Superintendent of the Public Printing shall not be directly or indirectly interested in the public printing, &c., and for any violation, &c., shall be imprisoned in the Penitentiary of the District of Columbia for any term not less than one nor more *than five years*, and in addition thereto may be fined in any sum from one thousand to ten thousand dollars.

On the 26th of March, 1859, I stipulated to transfer the *Union* to Gen. G. W. BOWMAN, under certain conditions, and to pay him also the sum of $30,000 per annum out of the profits of the public printing, in pursuance thereof, on the 11th of April following, I paid him, as per subjoined receipt, $2,500.

Received, Washington, D. C., April 11, 1859, of C. WENTZELL, three thousand dollars, the same being on account of twenty thousand dollars per annum, stipulated to be paid by said WENTZELL, as provided in our letter of March 26, 1859. GEO. W. BOWMAN.

This shows that BOWMAN was interested in the public printing as early as March 26, and that he received three thousand dollars cash on the 11th of April. He officiated as Superintendent of Public Printing, and drew his salary therefor, up to the 12th of May, as per receipt on file in the Treasury Department; and reference being had thereto, it will more fully appear that six weeks after he became interested in the public printing. These are the simple facts in the case.

The Interior Department has received evidence to *convict one LEE, a Mormon Saint, of Utah*, with having first violated the person of a young girl belonging to the party massacred at the Mountain Meadows, and then cut her throat. The Mormon authorities proposed surrendering all the murderers, but *only on condition they should be tried exclusively be*fore Mormon juries. This proposition was declined, as such a *trial would only tend to screen the criminals* from justice. Hence the Department urges the propriety of establishing martial law over Utah as the only means of punishing crime. Q.

[SIXTH AND SEVENTH EDITIONS.]

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 28.

Gov. WISE in his last Richmond speech broadly intimated that when the Virginia military recently marched past the White House, the President did not even notice them. As this resent of the Governor's course comment here, it may not be amiss to say that the President at that time was not at home, and did not know until he read the speech that the troops had passed the White House. The President is uniformly marked in his courtesy to all visitors.

The speech of Mr. MORRIS, of Illinois, to-day, in part commentatory of the President and the Administration, was made against the wishes of Mr. BUCHANAN and the other Democratic members of the Illinois delegation, who grow their notes to promote the harmony of the party.

An analysis of the vote to-day for Speaker shows that Mr. SHERMAN retains his relative strength, lacking four votes of election. All the Americans except two (Davis of Md., and Briggs) voted for Mr. SHERMAN, who was also supported by Messrs. [illegible] and Anderson of Ky., Anderson of Mo., [illegible] Avery, Barksdale, Barrett, Bocock, Bonham, Bowie, Boyce, Boyce, Branch, Brown, Burnett, Clemens, Cobb, Craige of N. C., Crawford, Davis, Scale, (English,) Florence, Garnett, Garrett, Gilmer, Hamilton, Harlanson, Harris of Ala., Harris of Va., Hatton, Hill, Jackson, Jones, Keitt, Lamar, Leach of N. C., Leake, Mallory, Martin of Va., Miller, Moore of Ky., Moore of Ala., Nelson, Owen, Phelps, Pryor, Quarles, Rogers, Ruffin, Scott, Singleton, South of Va., Smith of N. C., Stokes, Taylor, Thomas, Vance, Webster, Winslow, Woodson and Wright.

For Mr. GILMER—Messrs. Davis, of Maryland, and Briggs.

For Mr. DAVIS, of Indiana—Messrs. Adrain, Montgomery, Riggs and Robbins, (Ill.)

For Mr. VALLANDIGHAM—Messrs. Allen and Underwood.

For Mr. BOCOCK—Messrs. Curry, Davidson, Hindman, Hughes, Kunkel and Reilly.

For Mr. SCOTT—Messrs. Burch, Edmundson, McRae, Phelps, Clark, (Mo.,) Holmes, Houston, Nixon and Stout.

For Mr. HOUSTON—Messrs. Cochrane, Cooper, Singleton and McClernand.

For Mr. PENDLETON—Messrs. Cox, Howard and Martin, (Ohio.)

For Mr. ADRAIN—Messrs. Davis (Md.) and Reynolds.

For Mr. HARRISON—Mr. Foster.

For Mr. McCLERNAND—Messrs. Larrabee, Morris, Pendleton, Logan and Vallandigham.

For Mr. PUGH—Mr. McQueen; and Mr. McQueen for Mr. Pugh.

For Mr. GARNETT—Mr. Stewart, (Md.)

For Mr. HILL—Mr. Maynard.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 28.

Mr. MORRIS, of Illinois, (Anti-Lecompton Dem.,) obtained the floor, but yielded to Mr. ROSS, of Arkansas, (Dem.,) who said that several years ago he made a pledge to his constituents that he would never again engage in a sectional debate, but recent events have absolved him from that pledge. He alluded to the atrocity of John BROWN's raid, and the continued aggression of the North upon the rights of the South. He then spoke of the infamous character

election of 1856 on? the recent election in New-York, [illegible]

Mr. COX replied, of the same lesson referred to the North Americans, he would find them as adverse as the Southern opposition to the Democratic Party. If this was not so, why did not the gentleman vote for some North Abolition Speaker.

Mr. HILL—so I did, he did; he voted for Mr. BANKS, of New-York.

Mr. BURNS said his party was in a peculiar position which it must have as at the North, a unit. In reply to Mr. COX, he remarked that the Americans do not [illegible] any opinions opposed to civil and religious liberty. They are for total fidelity to the Constitution and to the laws, and stand ready and competent to [illegible] the Constitution. They are for union, and nothing but union.

Mr. COX said many of the Democrats—with whom the gentleman from Ohio was proud to ally—inaugurated this doctrine. Mr. ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS, who was a prominent leader in his party, inaugurated it, and he did not know that Mr. STEPHENS had ever recanted. He (COX) thought it the duty of the Government to protect everything recognized as property belonging to citizens of the United States, when they go into any Territory.

Mr. BURNS had things to reply, but Mr. MORRIS, of Illinois, (Dem.,) and Mr. [illegible], (Dem.,) declined longer to yield the floor [illegible] him. The latter referred to a remark made by him at the last Congress, that if the Democrats thought they could carry themselves through the next election with this administration, they would [illegible] down, and would find they were carrying too [illegible] load. The administration was full of cotton, [illegible] and had no more affiliation with the Democracy than darkness with light, or virtue with vice. The President had again thrust in our face his Territorial policy, and had advanced several steps from his former position, which he [illegible] was bad enough. He was satisfied that the President had as far lost sight of his duty as to make so high a bid for the nomination of the Charleston Convention. He knew him to be capable of any act for the gratification of his private malice, and of being guilty of treachery to his friends and principles. There was no necessity for thrusting the question of Slavery in here. It was not before the House in any form, nor was it likely to be this session. Yet the President repeats his twice-told tale at a time when the House is in an unorganized condition. He was glad the President had exposed himself, as he had called him an old man who looked forward to the perpetuation of his power, and was ready to bow at any sectional altar to obtain his ends. He read an extract from the Message, relating to Slavery in the Territories, calling it dangerous, and thought it too strong a dose for any Southern man to swallow. He proceeded to discuss the subject of Slavery in its political relations. He had heard many threats of a dissolution of the Union, but did not anticipate such a result so long as the President keeps the portrait of "Old Hickory" in the reception-room to give him courage. He eulogized Mr. MORRIS's speech for its Union sentiments. The excitement of this discussion was not, he said, to be regretted, because it gives another opportunity to the masses of the people to manifest the patriotic sentiments they entertain. He discussed the power of Congress over Slavery in the Territories, but in doing so would take no notice of the views of the present Administration, which he considered too low for its enemies to abuse or its friends to praise. The South had hitherto asked only for nonaction, but now they seek Congressional interference for the protection of Slavery in the Territories. Previous to becoming States, the Constitution establishes Slavery nowhere, nor does it fix the nature of property. The doctrine that the master can carry his slave anywhere he pleases, and hold him as such, is a doctrine odious and abominable. The Constitution only provides for the rendition of escaped slaves, and not for the extension of Slavery. He discussed the application of the Dred Scott decision to this question.

At 3 o'clock Mr. HIGH asked Mr. MORRIS to give way for a ballot for Speaker, and he consented.

Mr. SEWARD, of Maryland, (Dem.,) moved to adjourn.

Mr. CLEMENS, of Virginia, (Dem.,) called for the yeas and nays. He wanted the country to understand that the gentleman had twenty-five more pages of his written speech to read, and he hoped that he would be permitted to publish it without delivering it. He objected to his retaining the floor another day.

Mr. MORRIS said that the gentleman from Virginia read speeches too.

Mr. CLEMENS—When I deliver written speeches I will try to do it all in one day.

Mr. MORRIS—One of your colleagues held the floor for three or four days. If gentlemen insist upon it I can talk enough to finish the speech to-day.

The yeas and nays were ordered, when Mr. SEWARD withdrew his motion.

Mr. COVODE, of New-York, (Dem.,) hoped that we would go into a ballot, with a view after that to adjourn.

Objection being made, Mr. ADRAIN, of New-Jersey, (Anti-Lecompton Dem.,) renewed the motion to adjourn, on the ground that Mr. MORRIS was indisposed.

Mr. CLEMENS again called for the Yeas and Nays.

Mr. FARNSWORTH, of Illinois, (Rep.,) hoped the motion would be withdrawn, as he was anxious to have a ballot to-day.

Mr. ADRAIN withdrew his motion.

Mr. HARRIS, of Mississippi, (Dem.,) stated that several members were absent, and a fair ballot could not be taken at this time.

Mr. BURNETT, of Kentucky, (Dem.,) was opposed to a ballot, and hoped that either Mr. MORRIS would proceed or the House adjourn.

A call of the House was taken prior to a ballot.

Mr. BOCOCK, of Tennessee, (American,) said he had heard that there was a party here willing to support men in the South who were not Know Nothings. In order to test it he nominated Mr. MAYNARD, of Tennessee, (American.) He did this on his individual responsibility. Mr. MAYNARD was outside of all organizations, and was a national conservative man.

Mr. BOWIE, of Mississippi, (Dem.,) asked whether the political friends of Mr. BRANCH would all vote for Mr. MAYNARD.

Mr. BRANCH could only speak for himself.

The roll was called.

During the voting numerous explanations were made.

Mr. BARNWELL, of South Carolina, (Dem.,) said he was the first Democrat who had abandoned Mr. BOCOCK, and he had done so in the hope of effecting an organization. He would now vote for Mr. MAYNARD.

Mr. PHILLIPS, of Pennsylvania, (Dem.,)—Bitterly opposed as I am, first and last and all the time, to sectional representatives such as represented by the other side of the House, I am willing to cast my vote for a conservative man, to promote organization and pass the Appropriation bill, which my friends on the other side are so sensitive about. I vote for Mr. MAYNARD.

Mr. MORRIS, of New-York, (Anti-Lecompton Dem.,) said he was conservative in his principles, and should therefore vote, now as heretofore, for Mr. JOHN SHERMAN, whose Union-loving sentiments met his entire approval.

Mr. GROW, of Indiana, (Dem.,) asked if he had not voted for Mr. GILMER?

Mr. WARREN replied that he had voted for Mr. GILMER because in the Thirty-first Congress he stood alongside of himself and Mr. SHERMAN, in opposition to the Lecompton policy of the Administration, which Mr. BUCHANAN sought to cover up by a bill that, in his judgment, was the meanest bill before the last session of Congress. [Laughter.]

Mr. BOCOCK called attention to the fact that Mr. GILMER voted twice for the English bill. [Laughter.]

Mr. HARRIS replied that when Mr. GILMER voted the 2d time he stated that it was a *shilly-shally namby-pamby* sort of a bill. [Great laughter.]

Mr. WALBRIDGE, of Illinois, (Dem.,) when his name was called, said that [illegible] as he was not willing to participate in making this a slaughter-house of the Northern Democracy, he voted for Mr. BOCOCK.

Mr. HOLT said that several members of the American Party having voted against Mr. MAYNARD, he should do the same and vote for Mr. SHERMAN.

Mr. MORRIS, of Illinois, had voted for Mr. BOCOCK, Mr. MILLER and others, but thought his colleague, Mr. McCLERNAND, had not had his full strength tested, and now voted for him.

Mr. SMITH, of California, (Dem.,) voted for Mr. MAYNARD on the assurance that he was an Old-Line Whig, and did not belong to the American Party.

Mr. BURNETT wished to know whether Mr. MAYNARD belonged to the American organization.

Mr. BRANCH replied, that Mr. MAYNARD was one of the Fillmore Electors, but never belonged to the American Order.

Several Democrats briefly gave their reasons why they should vote for Mr. MAYNARD.

Mr. AVERY, of Tennessee, (Dem.,) remarked that he did not wish to see the seat once occupied by CLAY and POLK, desecrated by a Black Republican. [Applause, mingled with hisses.]

Mr. LAMAR, of Mississippi, (Dem.,) said that debate was not in order during the voting.

The Clerk thought the point of order well taken.

The discussion, however, continued, and the Republicans kept calling the speakers to order.

The vote resulted:

Whole number	208
Necessary to a choice	105
Mr. SHERMAN, of Ohio, (Rep.)	101
Mr. MAYNARD, of Tennessee, (Am.)	45

and the [illegible] announced nothing.

The House then adjourned.

THE SECTIONAL CONTEST.

Further Indications of Sentiment at the North.

MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE ON THE RESCUE OF COLORED CHILDREN.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Dec. 21.

A bill passed by the Legislature, authorizing colored persons to join military organizations, has been vetoed by Gov. BANKS.

RETURN OF MEDICAL STUDENTS TO PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Dec. 21.

An evening paper says that several students, who left Jefferson College for Richmond, have retirned and resumed their studies here, stating that they only joined the stampede to save a Christmas frolic.

THE SOUTH AND ITS ULTIMATUM.

LETTER FROM A SOUTHERN CONSERVATIVE.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I have been much struck with the manly directness of your remarks on the fearful state of sections now agitating our country. I fully concur in the opinion expressed in your leading editorial of Dec. 22, that it becomes the South to lay down, with as little delay as possible, its ultimatum on the question of the Union. An authoritative declaration, by a Southern Convention duly constituted would, as you justly and forcibly argue, "do more than anything else to determine our present national disease to a crisis. It would do away with a world of twaddle and presumption, and compel the sympathizers of the nation to look our condition fully in the face, and to take action accordingly."

In default of any such formal and authoritative declaration, and in view of the dissidence among Southern politicians as to matters of detail, I am not surprised that you are at a loss to know "what are the measures which the South feels to be essential to its remaining any longer in a confederate league with the non-slaveholding States?" I desire to clear up this matter for you as far as I can. As a private individual, holding no official political station and entirely disconnected from all party organizations, I must, of course, disclaim all title to speak by authority. But perhaps my testimony as to the state of feeling pervading the masses of the people, is all the more reliable on this very account. An ardent friend of the Union of these States, looking with horror at the prospect of a possible dissolution of the confederacy, I have eagerly caught at every indication of a disposition on the part of our people to listen to counsels of moderation and forbearance. I have ever been opposed to the designs of Southern extremists, whether they looked to a dissolution of the Union or to the insane and reckless attempt to revive the African slave-trade. There was never, until now, any real ground of danger to the stability of the Union from the movements of this numerically insignificant faction. Beyond all doubt, the immense majority of the people in every slaveholding State loved the Union, and would have been as prompt to fulfill all the obligations imposed by the National Compact, as to claim the privileges which it accords.

But when "a great political party at the North, a party which outnumbers any other single political organization in the national representation at Washington," was found to be resolutely determined on elevating to one of the highest offices in the Government a man who had indorsed the incendiary appeals of HELPER's pamphlet, adhering to him obviously because he was offensive to the South, and persistently refusing to nominate any other man, though they might have elected that other, and, thereby, in a great measure have arrested this dangerous excitement, it was impossible not to perceive that here was a practical menace of the most significant meaning, and Southern Conservatives felt that a contingency had arisen in which the instinct of self-defence, to say nothing of other considerations, compelled them to calculate the value of the Union. You, Mr. Editor, concur with us in rejecting the plea urged in extenuation of this offence of the Republican candidate for the speakership. A man who signs his name to a recommendation of a pamphlet discussing the delicate relations between the free and slave-holding States without knowing what he recommends, is equally criminal though he may be less base than he who, like Mr. SEWARD, gives his approval after a careful perusal.

My flagging hopes, as to the possibility of preserving the Union, have, in some slight measure, revived of late. No other circumstance has contributed so much to produce this result as the altered tone of your remarks since you have realized the actual posture of affairs in the South. The earnest and conservative spirit with which you now approach the discussion of the points at issue, and the manly frankness with which you avow and justify your views of the legitimate sphere of action of the Republican Party, satisfy me that a temperate and courteous exposition of the claims of the South will command your respectful attention, and possibly also the serious reflections of your Northern readers. Your paper is recognized as one of the ablest, and is presumed to be one of the most influential of all the organs of the Republican Party. You insist upon a distinction between the dogmas of the Abolition Party, which you denounce with point and effectiveness, and the principles of the Republican organization, which you maintain to be legitimate and perfectly consistent with loyalty to the Constitution and with fraternal regard towards the South. You earnestly deprecate a division of the Confederacy, while you recognize the fact that such division is even now half accomplished. You testify that "the passions of the Southern people have been roused," and you admit that they "*are not unjustly roused* by the events of the last few weeks at the North, to a pitch of angry hostility against our existing National Compact, which very few men at the North either can or do truly appreciate." You add, with great pertinency and force, that "the cheap twaddle about the overwhelming force of the North, the laws of trade, and the Micawberish certainty that something will turn up to put the matter right and let us move on as comfortably as before, is utterly out of place in the presence of the actual condition of the Southern mind, and the circumstances by force of which that condition has been developed."

If the spirit manifested in your recent articles should actuate the people of the North, there would, I am satisfied, be but little difficulty in restoring harmony between the North and the South. The South, I am sure, will not ask anything that is unreasonable. Let me illustrate my view as to the conciliatory temper of the South by an incident of recent occurrence. On the evening of the first day of the present session of Congress, it was announced on the faith of a telegraphic dispatch from Washington that Mr. BOCOCK had been promptly elected Speaker, and that the most cordial and kindly feelings were exhibited by the members of the two great sections of the Union. The first feeling manifested in this community was one of almost incredulous surprise at a result so much at variance with the tone of the comments of the Northern Press on the incidents connected with the Harper's Ferry affair. But this feeling was immediately supplanted by one of grateful appreciation of the spirit which was supposed to have dictated this action on the part of Northern members. It was presumed that the conservative men in the ranks of the Republican organization had promptly seized the first occasion to clear their skirts of all suspicion of complicity with the designs of aggressive Abolitionism, not merely by verbal disclaimers of little or no value, but by a significant public act. We thought it nobly done, and in our fond delusion we magnified the loyalty of Northern statesmen, and asserted that the Union so recently put in jeopardy was now tenfold more secure than ever before. No idea of a party triumph was allowed to mingle with the pure feeling of gratitude for the strengthening of the bonds of union between the two sections. Men of religious principles and habits ejaculated words of thanksgiving to the Author of all our blessings, and prayed that the Union might be perpetual. It were a waste of time to depict to you the revolution of feeling caused by later and more accurate intelligence as to the spirit actually manifested by Northern legislators—such as HICKMAN, in the House of Representatives, and Senators WILSON, WADE and TRUMBULL, whose insulting words are backed by the persistent course of action of the whole Republican Party in Congress.

While, then, Southern conservatives are devoted to the Union as our fathers made it, they feel that if the principles avowed by the prominent leaders of the Republican Party should prevail, the Union will prove more a curse than a blessing. It is just here, I think, that you have failed to carry out your admissions to their legitimate and necessary conclusion. You have distinctly said that if the doctrines advocated by your neighbor of the Tribune should prevail with the dominant party in the Northern States, the South would be forced to resist, *and ought to resist*, and yet, with what seems to me a glaring inconsistency, you lecture Southern politicians and journalists for warning you that the South will resist, in the event of the elevation to the Presidency of Mr. SEWARD, who is the very embodiment of those principles. What should it matter to us that a large majority of the Republican voters are conservative and have no desire to interfere with the rights of the South, as you affirm and I believe, if they be so illegical as to confide the Executive Department of the Government to a man who has denounced the Constitution he has sworn to observe, who has distinctly announce [illegible] sectional strife by publicly de[illegible] throughout our Confederacy? [illegible] POINTS.

REPUBLICANISM IN VERMONT.

WHERE KRIEGSMEN AND [illegible] CONFLICT.

[illegible] of the New-York Times:

BENNINGTON COUNTY, Vt., Monday, Dec. 26, 1859.

WENDELL PHILLIPS, of Massachusetts, is a polished scholar. His intellectual endowments are wonderfully excellent, and his oratorical efforts will always elicit the praise and admiration of his audiences. Yet the sentiments ("he has a perfect right to hold them") which he so assiduously promulgates, and defends with such infinite resource of wit and satire, are, as we view it, too various from the common opinions and tastes of mankind, to gain much or do much practical benefit. Like most brilliant pyrotechnic displays, with neither warmth nor substance, his truly splendid orations appear, spread forth their beauties, and vanish forever. His Cooper-Institute speech relative to the John Brown affair, serves as an example. What various excellences! Exquisite poetry, sparkling wit, biting satire, and eloquence the most impassioned—all are here; and yet, in the view of utility, the result not weighter than the floating gossamer. His sentiments and theories, like woven curiosities, will, doubtless, ever share the attention of one people; but they will never receive their sanction or approval. They may amuse for their novelty; they are not suited to stay. As the Dutchman's water, "They are well enough occasionally, but not at all right for an every-day drink."

WENDELL PHILLIPS is, in our opinion, an honest man. He is a lover of truth; he would not knowingly make a misstatement; he would not willingly publish a slander; he would gladly correct an error. Let him do it.

His above mentioned speech has this passage: "*I tell you treason is epidemic up in these Vermont mountains.*" Such a charge, knowingly made, is an outrageous falsehood,—in the present instance, merely an egregious misstatement. Nor does the context allow us to view it as a joyous episode, for he adds: "*Up there you find men who recognize John Brown as the ideal of their piety and of their patriotism.*" The fervency of the orator would alone forbid such a conclusion.

If Mr. PHILLIPS has been induced to believe, from his recent visit to Vermont, that her people justify JOHN BROWN's projects, as expounded by Mr. PHILLIPS, or, in other words, that they favor any attempt from Northern men to release the slaves against the will of their holders, we have only to say that he has been most sadly duped. That BROWN was insane and an unaccountable being is, without doubt, the almost universal belief of our people; but further than that, and for sympathy in the success of BROWN's mad projects, he must look elsewhere.

I am sure that our people are neither fond of "treason" in the abstract, nor in the particular instance of Slavery. If Mr. PHILLIPS believes the people of Vermont are ready or desirous to go beyond the Constitution for the extermination of Slavery, he is undoubtedly mistaken. If her early struggle for independence, as a separate State, led Vermont to dearly prize her own rights, she has not forgotten that the rights of others are just as dear to them.

If the Republican Party of this State, uninfluenced by threats or flattery, still pursues the path that points to national prosperity and honor, yet the Union is not less esteemed, nor the welfare of each of its parts less desired than before. The history of our politics, our Press, and the views of our public men and officers, confirm me in these statements, and I venture the opinion that Vermont, at the National Republican Convention at Chicago, will evince a preference for no ultra candidate.

We can cheerfully excuse Mr. PHILLIPS from any future similar mention of our political predilections. The record, and perhaps the name of Vermont, is tolerably fair. Let it remain so. H.

PURSUIT OF A RUNAWAY SLAVE.

MISSOURIANS IN A TIGHT PLACE.

Correspondence St. Louis Republican, (Pro-Slavery.)

BUTLER, Bates Co., Mo., Dec. 16, 1859.

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JOHN BROWN IN KANSAS.

LETTER FROM JOHN BROWN, JR., IN REGARD TO THE EDITOR OF THE KANSAS HERALD OF FREEDOM.

From the Erie (Pa.) True American.

DORSEY, ASSYASUTA Co., Ohio, Dec. 19, 1859.

H. CATLIN, Esq., Erie, Pa.—My Dear Sir: Your very kind and sympathetic letter of the 9th inst., came duly to hand, and should have received an earlier reply, but for an accident to my little son, an only child of six years, who recently in falling on a slippery place broke the bone of his thigh.

Accept our most heartfelt thanks for those generous and cheering words—expressions none the less prized because coming from one who is personally unknown to us. A friendly face, or a kind word in these days of bitterness and gloom, afford a consolation which you may be sure we know how to appreciate.

In regard to the statements which have lately been made by Geo. W. Brown, editor of the Kansas *Herald of Freedom*, (?) I have but little to say, believing that the world will rightly estimate the motives, and truly weigh the evidence of that man who could at *such a time*, and under *such circumstances*, seize an opportunity to fasten *reproach* upon the name and character of another. With all generous minds, the sods which cover a man's earthly remains are made to hide from public gaze the errors of his life; but, as the hyena with greedy fang, unshrouds the bodies of the dead, so his baser prototype, with even keener relish, drags from beneath the sod the dead man's faults, and *fastens* upon them in open day.

I shall not now enter upon any eulogy of my late noble father; his life and deeds afford the best vindication of his memory, and that I will cheerfully trust in the hands of coming generations.

It is said that G. W. Brown has supported his accusations by some declarations of mine, which he avers were made to him while a fellow-prisoner in Kansas. What I may have said to him I know not, for I remember but little of what occurred during six or eight weeks of the time of my imprisonment. Nature kindly drew the veil of oblivion over a period which, judging from the marks I bear, must have been one of extreme torture. I am not therefore able either to affirm or deny his assertions. But since he has made me a witness, it may not be improper to add some further testimony.

About the 26th or 27th of September, 1856, the town of Lawrence was menaced by a large force from Missouri, numbering from 2,500 to 2,700 men. The mat [illegible] only had reached Franklin, [illegible] Lawrence, on Sunday. [illegible] Sunday was a busy day [illegible] with the advice, and to [illegible] the direction of my father, [illegible] available men [illegible] hand, was [illegible] Pro-slavery men [illegible] Lawrence. For reasons [illegible] the town, and [illegible] were easily repulsed. The utmost vigilance was observed during the day and night, and also during the following Monday. So long as the danger lasted my father remained in town, your reviewer is not aware of, or, *treated by him with the utmost consideration.* Myself, wife and little son also shared his hospitalities at the same time. It should be remembered that the attack of which he now accuses my father occurred in MAY of the same year; just after the "sacking of Lawrence"—that is the *Fall* of the year, long after these "atrocities" had been given to the world. George W. Brown visited my father at his home, and entered as fine, as generous a man, the head of the best social *[illegible]*.

When I think of the weary marches on foot by night during the latter part of November, the previous year and again the next spring—the sacrifice in time and rendering our family liable to detention at the hands of our own lives, among others, the life and property of this *Doctor Washington Brown*, I am at a loss to imagine that could induce him to pursue even enemies with such malignant hate, much less those whom he had always *hereto fore owned as friends.*

"The man, of base birth and vile instincts, who would on his part to an inestimable husband, after twenty years of silence," but that the reputation of his more worthy predecessor, John, may not suffer by the charge, I would say upon their information that he has been guilty from his boyhood upward of much meaner sins. Very respectfully yours, &c.

JOHN BROWN, JR.

P. S.—If I could permit myself to betray the confidence of G. W. Brown, I should add some further testimony which would cause his ears to tingle.

J. B., Jr.

NON-INTERCOURSE WITH THE NORTH.

A SENSIBLE VOICE FROM NEW-ORLEANS.

From the New-Orleans Commercial Bulletin.

In every serious emergency, such as that whose advent we now recognize, there are persons whose zeal outstrips their knowledge, and whose passions smother their judgments. Their motives may be good, but the remedies they propose for evils that may exist would aggravate rather than allay or remove them. Such persons appear to lack balance of mind. They evidently do not comprehend the workings of principles, or perceive the full bearings and secondary influences of the measures they propose. Such men are, therefore, unsafe leaders and unwise counsellors. Their rashness unfits them for such offices. These predilections are naturally suggested by the propositions to establish by law absolute non-intercourse with the North and West, and to do it at once. We can hardly suppose that those who propose this remedy, if, by courtesy we may so term it, for the evils that assail us, really intend to carry the proposition into practical effect; or if they do, we cannot think they will flex courteous enough to crown their efforts with success. The measure seems to us to be almost as fanatical and absurd as any one that could be brought forward, and if attempted to be carried into execution would fall with crushing and disastrous effect upon the great mass of the Southern people themselves, including the constituents of these legislators who have proposed it. Such a law would not be in existence six months, we hazard little in saying, before the people would demand its repeal in such tones as could not be resisted; and even during those short months it would be nearly a dead letter upon the statute book. Its very enactors would be compelled from sheer necessity to disregard it. There is scarcely a family in the entire South that would not feel the immediate effects of it in pressing, every-day wants.

To show the practical effects of such a law, let us give the subject a practical turn. When the reader goes home to dinner, let him take an inventory of his dining-room, parlor, bed-room and kitchen furniture, and see what articles there are which have not come from the North. He will find a few articles of luxury and elegance from Paris, or Germany and England. But almost every article of prime necessity, and which he could not possibly do without, except through great suffering, he will find has been manufactured at the North. The crockery on his table, his chairs, tables, bedsteads, washstands, bureaus, grates, mantle-pieces, stoves, most probably the carpets, curtains, window-cornices, knobs, etc., etc., have all come from the Northern States.

An examination of his personal effects will show similar results. His coat, vest, pantaloons, boots, shoes, shirts, hat, and even his watch-guard, and possibly his watch and cane, have, in most cases, come from the same region. Go out upon a plantation, and the same truth appears. The plows, harrows, hoes, pruning-hooks, pumps, engines, cotton gins, spades, drays, carriages, harnesses, saddles, bridles, etc., are all made in the Free States. Very well; what of it all? Why, much, very much, when taken in connection with the proposition to exclude by law every one of these articles from the South immediately, and prohibit any citizen—planter, merchant, mechanic, or professional man—from purchasing them. The planter cannot make his crop without agricultural implements, can he? One cannot very well get along without clothes, a bed, chairs, crockery, etc. The planter must have shoes and clothing for his negroes. It is true that the old shoes, hats and coats, may last, by hushing and mending, and much care, six months, and by a desperate stretch perhaps a year. The old plows, harnesses, etc., ditto.

When these are gone, however—and a year slips round quick—what then? It is proposed that the planter shall be prohibited under severe penalties from buying any shoes or clothing for his negroes and his family that may have been made in the North. Where, then, is he to get them? They now all come from there. There is not a shoe manufactory worthy of the name, or a furniture manufactory, or a manufactory for many other articles that must absolutely be had, in the South. Except in this city, there is not a manufactory in the South of negro clothing, and the materials used in the one here are not of domestic make. If the guillotine is shut down *at once* upon Northern manufactures by the high arts of sovereign States, we ask again, whence the articles of prime necessity, which planters and everybody else must have, are to come? It is proposed to cut off the source of present supply without providing any other. It is proposed to leave planters with their hands upon their plantations without plows, gins, hoes, clothing; and themselves and families without furniture, saddles, and many other necessities of life. And this we are to accept as a remedy for existing evils! Yes gods and small alligators, it doth amaze us! The answer to all this, we suppose, will be, that planters must go to work and make their own shoes and clothing, their own carts and spades, and everybody else is to make his own hat, boots, coats, shirts, and even his watch, or go without! What an industrious time of it we should all have! No pantentiary could exhibit such scenes of industry as we should in that case show to an astonished world!

We do not wish to treat so grave a question lightly, but the proposition under consideration is so thoroughly absurd and Quixotic that really one can hardly help laughing at it. It exhibits in a striking light the necessity for the inauguration of such a system of domestic manufacturing industry as we have been trying to illustrate and enforce upon the minds of our citizens and the people of the South for a week or two past. To create and foster such a system for the home supply of home wants, we submit, will furnish the proper field for legislative action. To cut off at one fell sweep the source of present supply, and to provide in advance for no other, would be like tearing up a bridge over which one must cross, and tearing it up before crossing instead of doing it afterwards. We submit that it will be time enough to tear up the bridge *when we are over*. To do it before will call in question our sanity. We are in favor of just so much non-intercourse with the North as we can inaugurate and carry into effect without injuring and oppressing ourselves. We are in favor of going immediately to work and supplying our own industrial wants as fast as we can possibly do it, and relinquishing supplies from the North correspondingly. As soon as we can make a shoe at home we shall not want to buy it at the North, but to say that we shall not be permitted to buy it there, and in the meantime go barefooted; why, that is a unique and desperate kind of patriotism whose philosophy we don't understand at all.

The effect of passing such a law as the one we speak of by the Legislature of any Southern State would inevitably be to cause its people to disregard it, at least in part, and at the same time to compel them to pay five hundred or more *per cent.* beyond what they now do for such articles as they are obliged to have. Articles of ornament and luxury come largely from Europe; but those of necessity come almost entirely from the North. Hence, the law would fall with crushing weight upon all, but with peculiar severity upon the poor. To discriminate against ornamental articles would be useless, because these come mostly from Europe. The law would affect articles that are indispensable, or have no effect.

It will be observed, that we have left entirely out of view the legal aspect of the question, preferring to consider it in its practical bearings upon the necessities and comfort of our own citizens. We do not know whether or not a law could be framed that would be constitutional. We have never examined the question. There is certainly room for doubt, and the question would be likely to lead to litigation, not to speak of endless evasions and difficulties.

Under any view of the question, the proposition to pass such a law is an absurdity, and ought not to be entertained by any legislative body in the South. Let legislation be directed towards creating and fostering a system of home supply of manufactured products, and *that* will bring about of itself, voluntarily and without any legal or other difficulty, all the commercial non-intercourse with the North that will ever be of the least service to us.

LETTER FROM MR. HENRY C. CAREY.

REASONS FOR HIS DECLINING TO SPEAK AT THE PHILADELPHIA UNION MEETING.

Mr. HENRY C. CAREY wrote the following letter to the Committee of Arrangements, in reply to an invitation to speak at the recent Union meeting in Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN: I have to acknowledge receipt of the note in which you have done me the honor to ask permission to use my name as one of the officers at the meeting to be held to-morrow evening, and would now most gladly answer in the affirmative, were it but my firm belief that what is there proposed to be done will be far more likely to augment than to diminish the tendency towards recurrence of events such as have produced your present action.

There is much error on both sides, and those who make the mistake of supposing that it is to be found on one alone, are little likely to contribute towards the maintenance of our present Union. So far the reverse is it, that, as I think, they are almost sure for the production of its dissolution, *and will so admit themselves to have been, before the lapse of many years.* Our city might, and should be regarded as a sort of neutral ground between the extremes of North and [illegible]

[illegible] 1859.

[illegible] Monday, Dec. 26.

WENDELL PHILLIPS, of Massachusetts, is a polished scholar. His intellectual endowments are wonderfully excellent, and his oratorical efforts will always elicit the praise and admiration of his audiences. Yet the sentiments ("he has a perfect right to hold them") which he so assiduously promulgates, and defends with such infinite resource of wit and satire, are, as we view it, too various from the common opinions and tastes of mankind, to gain much or do much practical benefit. Like most brilliant pyrotechnic displays, with neither warmth nor substance, his truly splendid orations appear, spread forth their beauties, and vanish forever. His Cooper-Institute speech relative to the John Brown affair, serves as an example. What various excellences! Exquisite poetry, sparkling wit, biting satire, and eloquence the most impassioned—all are here; and yet, in the view of utility, the result not weighter than the floating gossamer. His sentiments and theories, like woven curiosities, will, doubtless, ever share the attention of one people; but they will never receive their sanction or approval. They may amuse for their novelty; they are not suited to stay. As the Dutchman's water, "They are well enough occasionally, but not at all right for an every-day drink."

WENDELL PHILLIPS is, in our opinion, an honest man. He is a lover of truth; he would not knowingly make a misstatement; he would not willingly publish a slander; he would gladly correct an error. Let him do it.

His above mentioned speech has this passage: "*I tell you treason is epidemic up in these Vermont mountains.*" Such a charge, knowingly made, is an outrageous falsehood,—in the present instance, merely an egregious misstatement. Nor does the context allow us to view it as a joyous episode, for he adds: "*Up there you find men who recognize John Brown as the ideal of their piety and of their patriotism.*" The fervency of the orator would alone forbid such a conclusion.

If Mr. PHILLIPS has been induced to believe, from his recent visit to Vermont, that her people justify JOHN BROWN's projects, as expounded by Mr. PHILLIPS, or, in other words, that they favor any attempt from Northern men to release the slaves against the will of their holders, we have only to say that he has been most sadly duped. That BROWN was insane and an unaccountable being is, without doubt, the almost universal belief of our people; but further than that, and for sympathy in the success of BROWN's mad projects, he must look elsewhere.

I am sure that our people are neither fond of "treason" in the abstract, nor in the particular instance of Slavery. If Mr. PHILLIPS believes the people of Vermont are ready or desirous to go beyond the Constitution for the extermination of Slavery, he is undoubtedly mistaken. If her early struggle for independence, as a separate State, led Vermont to dearly prize her own rights, she has not forgotten that the rights of others are just as dear to them.

If the Republican Party of this State, uninfluenced by threats or flattery, still pursues the path that points to national prosperity and honor, yet the Union is not less esteemed, nor the welfare of each of its parts less desired than before. The history of our politics, our Press, and the views of our public men and officers, confirm me in these statements, and I venture the opinion that Vermont, at the National Republican Convention at Chicago, will evince a preference for no ultra candidate.

We can cheerfully excuse Mr. PHILLIPS from any future similar mention of our political predilections. The record, and perhaps the name of Vermont, is tolerably fair. Let it remain so. H.

PURSUIT OF A RUNAWAY SLAVE.

MISSOURIANS IN A TIGHT PLACE.

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The Yacht Wanderer.

UNEXPLAINED MYSTERIES OF THE SHIPS.

From the Boston Transcript, Dec. 27.

[illegible] the vessel is the wonder of the day—the representative of a great principle, the principle of revoking the slave-trade—excepting relating to her name be of interest. We propose, therefore, to keep back for a few days some other wonders, more wonderful, that we have for late the shade. She now lies at anchor on the south side of Union wharf, with sails unbent, fore-and-aft down and yard-boom unshipped, in charge of a watchman, who guard her, watch-and-watch, repelling all intruders, and keeping her in order. Yesterday and to-day she was visited by crowds of all classes, from the highest to the meanest, and seemed still gradually to increase on to-morrow and the next day.

She is a beauty without peer, of 200 tons register, with spacious decks and fair bulwarks. Her bow is very long and sharp, with massive lines full of fine curves; that is, a straight line extended from the waterline to the round or curve of the side, would be some feet from its middle in the planking. She has a long, low, sharp, and rakish appearance, with a bowsprit of great length, and has an acute-angled triangle for her jib-sail, so that, by the wind, even when presses, there is nothing all to impede the view. She is very clever, and her run, like her bow, is long and clean. A more beautiful craft of her size, intended for sailing, is rarely seen in this vicinity. There can be no doubt Mr. Wenzer's assertion, that her sailing 20 knots, would do well to [illegible]. If ever a vessel went 20 knots, she is [illegible] going at the same rate, for every [illegible].

Her masts are ten beautiful spars, clear of knots or [illegible], and very stout; they seem strong enough to [illegible] every yard of canvas blows away, or until [illegible] hold out. She will have the raised skylights [illegible], but she looks weather-tested and ready, though her hull is sound and her copper smooth.

Though very sharp, she has large stowage capacity, owing to her great breadth of beam; but we doubt her behaving well to carry 700 negroes, with the accommodations of a slaver, as Mr. Wenzer, who brought her here, in his statement, says that her decks [illegible] the two guns loaded while proceeding to the United States cruiser, for the purpose of [illegible] attempt to detain him. This was an idle boast. She has only two short 6-lbs, carriage guns, which would carry her ball, whereas the cruiser had, probably, 32-eight-pounders, with high and solid bulwarks to protect the men at quarters. The Wanderer's chief hope is protection; a well-directed volley or two of small arms from a sufficient number would clear them [illegible] speak of the effect of a broadside from three guns charged with grape and canister.

As a pirate, her only play, with her present insignificant armament and exposed decks, would be to run alongside of a merchant vessel and carry her by marching. Speed and ability to bear a heavy press of sail, are the principal elements in her model. She is not [illegible].

Mr. Wenzer has not explained how he himself came to be in a position to be accepted under the captain. Did he ship in Savannah, as chief mate, second mate, or as sailor before the mast? or was he one of the men who was sent to aid in taking her down on board? He can surely state how many men have the designated the captain in advance, and stood by him to overawe the others? The mysterious charter-party, which must have been well known to an [illegible] man like Mr. Wenzer, and it is not unreasonable to suppose that he knows the party who furnished the stores at Savannah. Yet he has not given a word of explanation concerning these important particulars.

As there is no doubt the captain designed to go slaving, it is fair to presume that he had the means to purchase the cargo and the requisite supplies. If so, what were they, money or letters of credit? We say somewhat inclined to think that he obtained his supplies at Fayaux by letters of credit, (though the [illegible] says he ran away without paying,) and that the [illegible] of the mutiny was the real cause of his [illegible] so hurriedly to sea, or, perhaps, information that a ship of war was in the vicinity.

He was requisitioned with shipping, can for a moment [illegible] a vessel like the Wanderer, lightly [illegible] and poorly armed, could hope to obtain her [illegible] by piracy. Nor will any one believe that her captain dared to run away with her, without the consent of the majority of her crew, and the apprehension [illegible] above. Much remains untold of the history of this mysterious vessel since she became a slaver. The name, painted on her stern at present, is Wilkes, in large, white letters, but there is no port of hail under it.

The American *Lloyds* says she is 265 tons, rates A 1½, built of oak, and copper and iron fastened, is 10 feet draft, and was built at Kaatskill, New-York, in 1854. She was last inspected in July, 1858.

Since the foregoing was in type, we have received a dispatch from Bath, which states that Captain Lint-[illegible] "has been at home for some time, seen his wife and all his friends, and [illegible] one of the characteristic attributes to Hayes Mazzer," the name by which the Captain of the Wanderer pleased to be known in Bath, crew. This is another mystery, and [illegible] another question, viz.: Who is Hayes Mazzer?

The crew and ladies ("every woman is a lady by right of her sex") are in jail, detained as witnesses, and have been provided with clean and comfortable [illegible].

We understand that the Wanderer has been libeled by United States District-Attorney Wesmyss, and a technical complaint having been made against "John Doe," for fitting her out for the slave-trade, a private examination of the officers and crew is now going on.

FOREIGN INSURANCE COMPANIES IN GEORGIA.—The Legislature at its recent session passed an act on this subject, which is of importance to outside corporations. It provides "all foreign insurance companies [illegible] shall be incorporated by the State, [illegible] they establish an agency in Georgia, to be [illegible] by an Insurance Commissioner appointed by the Governor. The conditions upon which the license is to be granted are such as will, probably, interdict [illegible] in the State of any agency of foreign insurance companies. As the law originally passed, the time for it to go into operation was the 1st of January, 1860, but a subsequent law postponed its effect until the 1st of December, 1859. Another Legislature will meet before the latter time, and the law may be repealed or modified."

MISSOURI POLITICS.—The Republican State Convention of Missouri, called to meet on the 28th December, has been postponed, probably to the 22d of January, though no date is fixed. The change, says the St. Louis Democrat, is made for the purpose of reuniting Republicans and Free Democrats from the necessity of making two journeys to the capital. The Republican Convention was called for the 28th, simply because the list of Delegates to the Opposition Convention, which was to be held on that day, enumerated the names of many who intended to participate also in the proceedings of the former.

LAW REPORTS.

The Costs in the Old Liquor Cases.

HOW ARE THEY TO BE PAID?

The People vs. *Frederick W. Schmalle.*—This is a copy of the "Liquor cases" of 1857. The defendant, who is an extensive importer of wines and liquor, doing business at No. 75 Chatham-street, was arraigned on a charge of selling liquor on the Sabbath, contrary to the statute. After a long pending of the action, the complaint was dismissed and judgment given against the State for $66 72 costs. These costs [illegible] Judge Davies, at Chambers of the Common Pleas, for an order directing the "Police Life and Health Insurance Fund" chargeable therefor, and for an order directing Comptroller [illegible] to pay the same. Mr. Dickerson, for the motion, contended that the action was brought for the benefit of the fund; that the fund would have received the penalties of the action had it been successful; [illegible] of the State; and that therefore [illegible] with the costs of the action. On the other hand, it was contended that the costs in question were not in the nature of a penalty, but, in all actions wherein the State is plaintiff, costs awarded against it shall be charged against the party for whose benefit the action was prosecuted.

[illegible] Court could not reach the fund in question; [illegible] the costs must be collected from the town, city or county for which sums the action was prosecuted. This "fund" was not a penal, or any other, fund. It was merely a fund, and in the hands of the Chief of New-York and Brooklyn, and the Treasurer of the Board of Police Commissioners. They, and not the Supervisors, Mr. Bowen was but one of three trustees of the fund, and could not dispose of it without the joint action of the others.

Judge Daly said that although the State brought the action, still the proceeds thereof were for the benefit of this fund, which judicially benefited the City as a Corporation; so it did also the City of Brooklyn, and a portion of Westchester and Richmond counties. It must be conceded, therefore, that the fund was the thing benefited, if not the "people," or citizens, or "commonwealth," and in such, should property be chargeable with the costs of the action. But as the fund was in the hands of three trustees, and not at the sole disposal of the Treasurer of the Board of Police Commissioners, it could not be reached by this order as the case now stood. Mr. Bowen could not dispose of the fund without the action of the trustees joined in the payment or disbursement.

The motion was finally denied, but as the question was somewhat new to the Courts, no costs were allowed.

The motion will, it is understood, be renewed, and the order asked for will be to direct the Trustees of the fund, and not the Treasurer of the Board of Police Commissioners, to pay the costs in question.

H. R. Dickerson for motion; A. Oakey Hall for Mr. Bowen, opposed.

Attachment Against a Railroad Company.

Charles Howard et al. vs. *The Detroit and Milwaukee Railroad Company.*—This was a motion to discharge an attachment against the defendants.

The plaintiff in the action built the road for the Company, and claimed a balance due amounting to $175,000. The Company is now merged or consolidated with the Northwestern Railroad Company, and, as alleged, repudiates the present claim of the plaintiff, who had levied an attachment on $200,000 of their bonds, which were in the hands of an agent.

The motion to discharge the attachment was based upon the grounds: that the agent was a non-resident, and not entitled to an attachment; that Mr. Beach was not the agent of the Company, and that the bonds seized when in his possession were not the property of the Company; that the defendant had no property in the State, and the Court, therefore, had no jurisdiction.

The motion was finally denied by Justice DAVIES, at Chambers, with liberty to renew as to the question of non-residence.

D. D. Field and John W. White for plaintiff; Burrill Davison & Burrill for defendant.

Decisions.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

DAVIES J.—*Van Schaick* vs. *Third-avenue Railroad Company.*—Case settled.

Court Notices.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.—All motions for judgment and for reference, to compute amount due, days are *ex parte*, and should be moved before 11 o'clock.

By order of the Court, Dec. 28.

Chambers of the Supreme Court will be held by Justice DAVIES, in Part II., for the remainder of the week.

WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKETS.

NEW-YORK, Wednesday, Dec. 28, 1859.

Commission Sales of Produce for the week ending Dec. 28, 1859, prepared for THE NEW-YORK TRIBUNE by PINSKY & JOHNSON, Produce Commission Merchants, No. 321 Fulton-street. Our quotations are such as merchants and producers *realize who ship their Produce to this market to be sold on commission.*

BUTTER.

The market is without special movement, the transactions being mainly for fine and good sound reliable State dairies, which command a ready sale at our figures. Roll Butter is steady at 14c.@16c., according to quality and condition. Shippers should take pains to have their rolls in good shape, nicely wrapped in cloths, and the packages full, so as to prevent their rolling about and becoming badly broken. We quote:

Orange County, ¢ lb	25	@	28
Fine half-firkin tubs, fresh, ¢ lb	23	@	24
Fine half-firkin tubs, ¢ lb	19	@	19
Fine State, dairy, firkins, ¢ lb	20	@	22
Fair State Dairy, firkins	17	@	19
Welsh, tubs, fine, ¢ lb	20	@	22
Welsh tubs, fair	16	@	18
Western Reserve, choice, ¢ lb	18	@	19
Ohio, fair to prime, ¢ lb	12	@	15
Illinois and Wisconsin, ¢ lb	12	@	16
Roll Butter, Ohio, ¢ lb	14	@	16
Roll Butter, State, ¢ lb	16	@	17

CHEESE.

Fine Dairies fully command our highest figures. Common grades are sparingly dealt in. We quote:

Fine State, ¢ lb	11	@	11¾
Fair State, ¢ lb	9	@	10
Fine Ohio, ¢ lb	9	@	10½
English Dairy, Ohio, ¢ lb	9	@	11
English Dairy, Goshen, ¢ lb	12	@	15
Pineapple, ¢ lb	12	@	16

EGGS

The supply fairly covers the demand without change in prices.

Fresh Eggs, ¢ doz	20	@	21
Lime Eggs, ¢ doz	16	@	17

FRUITS.

There is a fair inquiry for Dried Apples; State and Ohio of superior quality, and in handsome packages, at 7c., the demand being mainly for export. Dried Plums, though in small supply, sell slowly, the figures being too high to encourage buyers. Dried Peaches, peeled, of good quality, are in ready sale; unpeeled do. are salable at 8c. Cranberries are lower, with large receipts from Cape Cod. We quote:

Dried Apples, State, ¢ lb	7	@	—
Dried Apples, New Southern, ¢ lb	5	@	7
Dried Peaches, Southern, peeled, ¢ lb	16	@	17
Dried Peaches, Southern, unpeeled	7	@	8
Dried Blackberries, ¢ lb	—	@	10
Dried Cherries, pitted, ¢ lb	22	@	23
Dried Plums, ¢ lb	23	@	25
Dried Raspberries, ¢ lb	22	@	23
Apples, Greenings, ¢ bbl	2 50	@	2 62
Apples, Spitzenbergs, ¢ bbl	2 62	@	2 75
Apples, Gilliflowers, ¢ bbl	2 62	@	2 75
Cranberries, ¢ bbl	13 00	@	—

BEANS AND PEAS.

Beans are steady, with indications of lower figures for medium. Canada Peas are higher.

BEANS.

Small Pea, new, ¢ bushel	$1 25	@	$1 50
Medium, new, ¢ bushel	1 00	@	1 25
Kidney, ¢ bushel	—	@	1 75
Marrowfat, ¢ bushel	1 50	@	1 62
Red, ¢ bushel	—	@	2 50
China, ¢ bushel	1 75	@	—

PEAS.

Canada, ¢ bushel	85	@	90
Black-eyed, ¢ bushel	1 25	@	1 37½
Marrowfat, Green, ¢ bushel	1 75	@	2 00
Marrowfat White, ¢ bushel	—	@	1 50

POULTRY.

With more favorable weather, our market has undergone a gradual improvement since our last, and more satisfactory prices have been realized:

Turkeys, dressed, ¢ lb	8	@	12
Fowls, dressed, ¢ lb	6	@	9
Chickens, dressed, ¢ lb	7	@	10
Ducks, dressed, ¢ lb	10	@	11
Geese, fat, ¢ lb	8	@	9
Squabs, ¢ dozen	1 25	@	1 50
Wild Pigeons, ¢ dozen	62	@	75
Wild Pigeons, stall fed, ¢ dozen	1 25	@	1 50
Wild Ducks, ¢ pair	50	@	62
Wood Ducks, ¢ pair	1 00	@	1 25
Quail, ¢ dozen	1 00	@	1 25
Canvas-Back Ducks, ¢ pair	1 50	@	1 75
Red-Head Ducks, ¢ pair	50	@	75
Partridges, ¢ pair	62	@	75
English Snipe, ¢ pair	1 25	@	1 75
Venison, saddle, ¢ lb	10	@	10½
Wild Geese, each	50	@	75

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes, Nova Scotias, ¢ bushel	40	@	45
Potatoes, Sweet, Philadelphia, ¢ bbl	2 50	@	2 75
Potatoes, Sweet, Virginia, ¢ bbl	1 50	@	1 75
Dykemans, ¢ bbl	1 50	@	1 75
Mercers, ¢ bbl	1 75	@	1 87
Peach Blows, ¢ bbl	1 25	@	1 33
Rose, ¢ bbl	1 25	@	1 50
Western Reds, ¢ bbl	1 25	@	—
Jersey Whites, ¢ bbl	1 12	@	1 25
Pink Eyes, ¢ bbl	1 50	@	1 75
Carters, ¢ bbl	1 75	@	2 00
Buck Eyes, ¢ bbl	1 25	@	1 50
Onions, Red, ¢ bbl	1 75	@	—
Onions, White, ¢ bbl	2 00	@	2 25
Onions, yellow, ¢ bbl	1 75	@	1 87½
Turnips, white, ¢ bbl	75	@	—
Turnips, Ruta Bags, ¢ bbl	—	@	60
Beets, ¢ bbl	—	@	1 00
Carrots, ¢ bbl	—	@	1 00
Parsnips, ¢ bbl	—	@	1 00
Cabbages, ¢ 100	2 50	@	3 50
Marrow Squash, ¢ 100	2 50	@	5 00
Gaslin, ¢ 100	2 00	@	—

DRESSED HOGS

Are active and in good sale at 7c.@7¾c.

BEESWAX

Continues firm at 33c.@36c. ¢ lb.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, Dec. 28, 1859.

We present here carefully prepared tables showing the total as well as the weekly receipts of live animals destined for slaughter, including also milch cows. These figures are compiled from the reports in the Times, which have furnished full details of each weekly market throughout the year. The figures give the number of animals at all the regular City yards, including the Bergen yards, where several hundred head of beef cattle are sold every week to

[illegible] New-York markets for their week.

RECEIPTS OF LIVE ANIMALS AT THE NEW-YORK CITY MARKETS FOR THE YEAR 1859.

Week ending	Beeves	Milch Cows	Veals	Sheep	Swine
Jan. 3	2,700	176	128	6,000	6,200
Jan. 10	2,710	159	161	6,000	7,000
Jan. 17	2,800	157	175	6,000	7,000
Jan. 24	2,840	157	185	6,000	7,000
Jan. 31	2,800	157	200	6,000	7,000
Feb. 7	2,700	157	241	6,000	7,000
Feb. 14	2,600	157	250	6,000	7,000
Feb. 21	2,500	157	261	6,000	7,000
Feb. 28	2,400	157	261	6,000	7,000
March 7	2,300	157	261	6,000	7,000
March 14	2,200	157	261	6,000	7,000
March 21	2,100	157	261	6,000	7,000
March 28	2,100	157	261	6,000	7,000
April 4	2,100	157	261	6,000	7,000
April 11	2,100	157	261	6,000	7,000
April 18	2,100	157	261	6,000	7,000
April 25	2,100	157	261	6,000	7,000
May 2	2,100	157	261	6,000	7,000
May 9	2,100	157	261	6,000	7,000
May 16	2,100	157	261	6,000	7,000
May 23	2,100	157	261	6,000	7,000
May 30	2,100	157	261	6,000	7,000
June 6	2,100	157	261	6,000	7,000
June 13	2,100	157	261	6,000	7,000
June 20	2,100	157	261	6,000	7,000
June 27	2,100	157	261	6,000	7,000
July 4	2,100	157	261	6,000	7,000
July 11	2,100	157	261	6,000	7,000
July 18	2,100	157	261	6,000	7,000
July 25	2,100	157	261	6,000	7,000
August 1	2,100	157	261	6,000	7,000
Aug. 8	2,100	157	261	6,000	7,000
Aug. 15	2,100	157	261	6,000	7,000
Aug. 22	2,100	157	261	6,000	7,000
Aug. 29	2,100	157	261	6,000	7,000
Sept. 5	2,100	157	261	6,000	7,000
Sept. 12	2,100	157	261	6,000	7,000
Sept. 19	2,100	157	261	6,000	7,000
Sept. 26	2,100	157	261	6,000	7,000
Oct. 3	2,100	157	261	6,000	7,000
Oct. 10	2,100	157	261	6,000	7,000
Oct. 17	2,100	157	261	6,000	7,000
Oct. 24	2,100	157	261	6,000	7,000
Oct. 31	2,100	157	261	6,000	7,000
Nov. 7	2,100	157	261	6,000	7,000
Nov. 14	2,100	157	261	6,000	7,000
Nov. 21	2,100	157	261	6,000	7,000
Nov. 28	2,100	157	261	6,000	7,000
Dec. 5	2,100	157	261	6,000	7,000
Dec. 12	2,100	157	261	6,000	7,000
Dec. 19	2,100	157	261	6,000	7,000
Dec. 26	2,100	157	261	6,000	7,000
Total	101,170	—	10,222	32,709	450,787	551,479
Weekly av.	2,016	5¼	196	629	8,669	10,605
Total of all kinds						1,196,437

The above tables were necessarily made up at the last moment before going to press, leaving no time for extended remarks here. Those interested in live stock will find the tables worth preserving for frequent reference during the ensuing year. The total of all kinds falls below last year, 81,650. It will be seen that the average receipts of beeves have exceeded those of the previous year by about 300 head per week—about the same increase as was noted last year. The prices given are the average of all sales at each weekly market, including the regular sales of Wednesdays, and the preliminary sales on Tuesdays. The average for the year is three-eighths of one cent per pound, estimated dressed weight, below the average for 1858. The weekly prices, it will be seen, vary pretty regularly with the amount of the receipts for each week, though frequently affected by the number brought in the previous week. Milch cows fall a little below last year; prices have generally ruled much lower. Veal calves have been somewhat in excess of last year; prices have not greatly varied. Sheep and lambs have exceeded last year's receipts by some 58,000. Swine have fallen off about 50,000. We have not time for further remarks upon the markets for the year this week.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS FOR WEEK ENDING TO-DAY.

The receipts of beef cattle here were 845 less than last week; and the general quality has also been much poorer. But with the state cattle, those unsold last week, the supply has been equal to the demand, and prices have not improved, except for a few of the better grades, of which there was a scarcity in market to-day. About 200 head were without purchasers this evening. Of milch cows, the receipts have been 23 less than during the previous week, but there are plenty unsold still in the yards, and we can report no improvements in prices. Veal calves have been a little less abundant, and the prices of good animals have improved a trifle. Sheep and lambs have come in very moderately the past week, the receipts (7,072) being 6,300 less than last week. Prices have advanced 25c.@50c. ¢ head, and the pens are about empty to-day. Of swine, the receipts (18,400) are 8,425 less than last week, but prices have not advanced, and there are several thousand unsold. The following figures, carefully compiled from the entries at the various City yards, gathered at all the City yards, including the cattle sold direct to butchers at Bergen, give a comparative view of the past market supplies, and show the

TOTAL RECEIPTS OF LIVE STOCK AT ALL THE NEW-YORK CITY MARKETS FOR THE WEEK ENDING DEC. 27.

	Beeves.	Milch Cows.	Veals.	Sheep.	Swine.
This week	3,926	116	406	7,072	18,400
Previous week	4,071	141	459	13,981	26,825
Same w'k last year	3,337	133	379	7,769	12,537
Weekly average of beeves for 1857					3,143
Weekly average of beeves for 1858					3,076

Total number of live animals of all kinds received during the past week at the New-York City yards, 30,522. *Total number received the previous week* 46,077. This is a decrease of 15,555, principally of sheep and swine. Of the 3,926 fresh bullocks received during this week, 2,098 were taken to the Washington Yard, Forty-fourth-street; 769 were sold at the Bergen yards, at the terminus of the Erie Railroad; 113 were yarded at Baewitzer's; 27 at O'Brien's, on Sixth-street; and 29 at Chamberlain's yards, on Robinson-street. Of the 2,098 bullocks yarded at Forty-fourth-street, this week, so far as we could ascertain their origin from owners and salesmen, and from the yard-books, 977 head came from Ohio, 752 from New-York, 149 from Indiana, 568 from Illinois, 161 from Pennsylvania, 39 from Canada, 147 from Kentucky, 117 from Michigan, 52 from Virginia, and 6 from Maryland. The 3,757 cattle in the yards at Forty-fourth-street and Bergen came into market by the following routes: By Erie Railroad, 2,753; by Hudson River Railroad, 1,384; by Harlem Railroad, 229; by Camden and Amboy Railroad, 250; and on foot 126.

THE CATTLE SALES YESTERDAY AND TO-DAY.

After the overstocked market of last week, the 2,988 fresh bullocks received at Forty-fourth-street, added to 200 stale cattle, were more than were wanted during holiday week, glutted with pork and poultry. The transactions opened dull yesterday, at figures a little above the prices of last week for good cattle—which were scarce—and at nightfall a comparatively light business had been done. But still worse were the sales of to-day, or at least at lower prices. Butchers had a surplus of their last week's purchases, and as it was very cold to-day, they bought sparingly. The weather will not admit of hanging up beef away from a fire without freezing, so that butchers chose to run the risk of buying as they want to kill during the week, if the pork and poultry markets warrant laying in any beef. Sales dragged heavily during the afternoon of to-day, and closed with 200 to 300 head unsold. Taking the average of the entire transactions of this week's market, yesterday's sales being included in lines of to-day, and setting down those of last week for comparison, we have the following:

	To-day.	Last week.
Premium cattle	None.	10¾c.@12c.
First quality	10c. @10¼c.	9¾c.@10c.
Medium quality	8c. @ 9c.	8c. @ 9c.
Poor quality	6¾c.@ 7¼c.	6¾c.@ 7¼c.
Poorest quality	5c. @ 6c.	5c. @ 6c.
General selling prices	7c. @ 9c.	7c. @ 9c.
Average of all sales	— @ 8c.	— @ 8c.

The cattle generally run poor, not so good as last week, even after taking out the premium grades, as most entirely sold to-day. It is surprising to us that such poor cattle are sent in just now, when, more than at any other time, good beef is needed. The cold weather and snow-storm of this afternoon made the poor brutes contract themselves into the least possible space, causing them to look even smaller and rougher than they really were.

ADVANCE OF YARDAGE.

Quite an excitement was raised this afternoon, among the brokers and drovers, in consequence of an announcement, on the part of the lessees of the cattle yards and premises at Forty-fourth-street, that, after the present market, 25c. ¢ head, instead of 18c., as formerly charged, would be collected for yardage on all cattle sold at that market. The ALLERTONS say that the property has materially advanced in value since they leased it, and that they are warranted in raising the price of yardage, while producers, consumers, and middle-men, (sellers,) unite in condemning it as an unjust extortion, and that they ought to be satisfied with nearly $35,000 annual profits from the establishment. They think the former yardage, profitless the feed sold, hotel kept, manure made, and last, and least, the weekly tax of 50c. ¢ head upon the *reporters* for the information they glean there, ought to satisfy any one. It is quite likely other premises will soon be leased, which, with Bergen Hill, will draw largely from the aristocratic yards located upon the Fifth-avenue and Forty-fourth-street. The seemingly small advance of 6c. ¢ head on the yardage will often make a difference of $300 ¢ week.

The following extracts from our copious notes made of transactions during the day, will give the distant reader some idea of the character of the sales:

MEAD & HEDCOCK were selling 60 head at fair to good Ohio steers and cows for JOHN BAYARD. Rated 6 cwt. to 10 cwt., and running out at 8c.@10¼c.

J. BAYARD disposed of his white, fat bullock, alluded to last week, for $350, and the Kirk animal for $325. The best offer for the other was $300, rather than take which Mr. BAYARD concluded to send him to Philadelphia, where the white one went and is now on exhibition.

H. W. COZZENS sold 27 Illinois oxen and steers for WITZ, at 7¼c.@8c. They would weigh 5 cwt. to 6 cwt.; mostly roughish. Also, 19 Ohio heifers for FLANNERS, at 8c.; medium flesh. Also, with Gazaza TOTTEN, 50 Ohio steers for COLBY, rated 5¾ cwt., and run out at 8c.@10c. Good lot.

T. BEDFORD sold 25 mostly good Westchester County cattle. Ten of the best were taken by I. VALENTINE, at $95 each, or say 10c. ¢ lb. The balance brought 8c.@8¾c.

L. BEEBE came in with 14 fresh Yankee cattle, of fine quality, rated 5 cwt., for which he got an average of 10c.

H. HYDE had 20 head State cattle, which he was running out at 8¾c.@10c. Fair to good quality.

VALENTINE & MARSH were selling 60 common light Virginia cattle for MUSSER. They would dress, say 5¾ cwt., and were bringing 7½c. upon an average. Also, 6 fairish State cattle, of near 6 cwt., at 8c.@10c.

[illegible] N. HOLT, 60 mixed Ohio and part of Illinois cattle, of fair quality, at 8¾c. [illegible] J. DUNN, for COZZENS & HIGHT, 77 Ohio cattle, pretty good quality, 7¾ cwt., sellers, 7¾ cwt., [illegible], at 8c.@10c.

[illegible] for HENRY & HINGLEY, 39 Chester county, Pennsylvania cattle, of fair quality, rated 10 cwt., at 9¾c.@10c. Also 63 Ohio steers for R. R. SPENCER, for 8c.@10c. They would dress about 6¼ cwt., and were a good killing lot of cattle.

MILCH COWS.

With a moderate number offered during the past week the market can scarcely be quoted any better than last, excepting that there is a little more inquiry after prime new milch cows. Common stock sells slowly, with a surplus of such still on hand.

VEAL CALVES.

The receipts continue to diminish, as is usual at this season. Market fair for good calves. We noticed one very fair specimen, dressed, at 4¾c., 4 months old, which weighed 550 lbs. and sold for $47 96, or 7½c. ¢ lb. Live weight. For first-quality veal, 6½c.@7c. is about the market price.

SHEEP AND LAMBS.

There are rather scarce just now. Only 7,072 have been received during the past week, against nearly 14,000 for the week previous. Prices have advanced 25c.@50c. ¢ head on fair to good stock, being 7½c.@8c. ¢ lb. live weight, and 8½c.@9c. for common stock. The quality is generally rather poor, although a few prime lots are noted in the sheep-brokers' sales. Poor sheep should not be hurried to this market during the poultry glut of the holidays. Only good mutton is wanted. The yards were well cleared out at night.

BROWNE reports the following receipts at his Sixth-street market during the past week: From New-York, 1,100, brought in: 208 by J. J. Flattner, 18 L. Miller, 160 E. Kennedy, 71 H. Todd, 100 E. E. Smith, 172 J. N. Allen, 35 L. Ben, 147 E. Cook, 67 W. Talley, 103 W. Thompson. From New-Jersey, 618, brought in: 439 by Bellis & Kent, 104 G. R. Holcomb, 35 F. D. Bird, and 137 A. Robbins, making a total of 2,016, rather light receipts.

Among the sales were the following lots, viz.: BELLIS & KENT sold

102 sheep	$567 16	28 sheep	$145 75
172 sheep	375 00	9 sheep	123 50
136 sheep	752 50	148 sheep	827 00
59 sheep	181 25	87 sheep	301 50
67 sheep	167 50	101 sheep	757 50
99 sheep	272 25	90 sheep	220 00
42 sheep	154 00	10 sheep	21 00
52 sheep	306 50	1,146	$5,824 55

Being an average of $4 81 ¢ head. Among them were several lots of splendid sheep, especially the 6 premium Bakewells raised by J. H. BLAIR, of Warren County, N. J., which brought $13 00 each. Also the 25 fed by THOS. HOOD, of Burlington County, N. J., which brought $7 each.

THOS. C. LASKIN sold

62 sheep	$219 00	12 sheep	$45 50
20 sheep	77 50	142 sheep	532 50
82 sheep	311 75	—	—
194 sheep	625 75	517	$1,812 00

R. H. HUNT reports

325 sheep	$1,224 87	180 sheep	$662 00
61 sheep	196 12	106 sheep	277 62
97 sheep	265 75	—	—
Total		929	$2,857 36

or an average of $3 20 each.

JAS. MCCLASKY quotes 449 head at an average of $3 70 each.

O'BRIEN & MCGRAW give the following as the past week's receipts at their Sixth-street Market. From New-York, 149 by C. Sheldon; 177, Mr. Tripp; 53, E. Hunt; 187, J. Carroll; 23, G. P. Duncan; 197, N. Sweetlove. From New-Jersey, 60 by G. R. Holcomb, making a total of 795 head, a large proportion of which were light, thin sheep, poorly adapted to present wants. Their sales, including some left over from last week, were:

206 head	$608 99	177 head	$561 50
61 head	251 50	150 head	457 00
150 head	555 38	72 head	224 00
32 head	152 75	192 head	611 12
60 head	267 50	—	—
Total		1,661	$4,111 74

CHAMBERLIN reports receipts of 2,858 head; and ALLERTON gives 1,143 as the receipts for the past week.

SWINE.

The hog market still feels the glut of last week. Fresh receipts number 18,400, about 10,000 of which are still unsold, and the low prices of our former report are no more than sustained.

ALLERTON reports 10,062 as the receipts at the Western yards, which were selling at 5¾c.@5¾c. for corn fed hogs.

HUGHES & FRENCH yarded 6,328 at the foot of Thirty-seventh-street, to which were added 3,027 left from last week. Sales of 7,853 were made, and 5,512 still remain on the market.

G. W. DOZIER, broker and commission merchant, reports as follows:

	Live.	Dead.
Heavy Prime Corn Hogs	5¼@5¾	6¾@7
Medium Corn Hogs	5½@5¾	6¾@7
Light Prime Corn Hogs	5¼@5¾	7 @7½
Distillery Hogs	5¼@5¼	6¼@6¾

Stocks, none in market. Arrivals heavy, demand very inactive, and prices on the decline. Some 10,000 or 12,000 on the market unsold.

GENERAL MARKETS.

NEW-YORK, Wednesday, Dec. 28, 1859—6 P. M.

The reported receipts of the principal kinds of Produce, since our last, have been: 42 bbls. Ashes, 15,642 bbls. Flour, 436 bush. Wheat, 22,509 bush. Corn, 4,503 bush. Oats, 2,015 pkgs. Provisions and 319 bbls. Whisky.

ASHES—Sales have been confined to small lots of Pots at $5 12½ and Pearls at $5 31¼@$5 37½ ¢ 100 lbs. Stock in the Inspection Warehouse this morning, 1,143 bbls., including 845 bbls. Pots, and 298 bbls. Pearls.

BEESWAX—*American yellow is scarce and wanted* at 36¼c.@37½c. ¢ lb.

CANDLES—Have been less sought after, yet prices have not varied materially.

COAL—Foreign is in light supply and fair request at full prices. Anthracite is salable and firm. We quote Liverpool Cannel $11 50@$12; do. Orrel at $10 75@$11; Sidney at $6 50 ¢ chaldron, and Anthracite $4 75@$5 50 ¢ ton.

COFFEE—Sales to-day have been confined to 700 bags Rio, at 12c.@12½c. ¢ lb.

COPPER—Refined ingot is in demand, chiefly at 23c.@23¾c. ¢ lb. Other kinds are quiet.

COTTON—Sales have been reported to-day of only 600 bales, at rather easier quotations.

NEW-YORK CLASSIFICATION.

	Upland.	Florida.	Mobile.	N. O. & Tex.
Ordinary ¢ lb	6½	6½	6½	6¾
Middling	11	11¼	11¼	11¾
Middling Fair	11¾	12	12¼	12¾

FISH—Dry Cod are saleable and steady, at $3 50@$4 50¼ ¢ cwt. Mackerel are scarce and quiet, including large No. 1, at $15 75@$16;

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Amusements this Evening.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—La Somnambula—La Traviata—Lucrezia Borgia.

WALLACK'S THEATRE—Everybody's Friend—Kindness and Money.

WINTER GARDEN—Ion Orphans.

LAURA KEENE'S THEATRE—Dunbar Breakfast—Sea Serpent Parlor—Opera—Hope Chapel—Pianoforte Gem Warbling—Simon Trivikin—Love's Sacrifice.

BOWERY THEATRE—Santa Claus—A Christmas Tree—Two Robbers.

NEW BOWERY THEATRE—The Miller of New-Jersey—Mazeppa Scenes—Gun Drill Twice.

BARNUM'S MUSEUM—Afternoon—Aladdin—Evening—Aladdin—The Nervous Man.

REV. TAM BANDY'S CHURCH, NINTH-ST.—Morning, by Rev. Sampson's Tenders.

CHATHAM AMPHITHEATRE—Home and the Heart—Curious Feats.

CHRISTY THEATRE—Mr. Sam Cowell's Concerts.

M. DU CHAILLUS COLLECTION, No. 685 Broadway—Specimens, &c.

PALACE GARDEN—Van Amburgh & Co.'s Menagerie.

GIRLOW'S SALOON—Gaston Celestin's Mirrorists.

STUYVESANT INSTITUTE, No. 659 Broadway—Artist's Collection of Southern Antiquities.

HARDINGE'S ART STUDIO, University, Washington-square—Daguerreotypes & Pictures.

STUYVESANT INSTITUTE—Historical Picture of Charles I. by Vandyke.

ACADEMY OF DESIGN—Bierstadt & Mignot's Paintings "The Road to Washington after the War."

GOWAN'S GALLERY—No. 689 Broadway—Palmer's Statue, "The White Captive."

PICTURE GALLERY—Williams's, No. 364 Canal-street—Fine Collection.

DUSSELDORF GALLERY—Exhibition of Paintings.

GOTH CHAPEL—Wayne's Relics.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The steamship *Arago*, from Southampton on the 14th inst., arrived here last evening. Among her passengers were Senator SEWARD, Chevalier WYKOFF, and Mr. DONALD MCKAY, the ship-builder, of Boston. The news by the *Arago* is without importance. The concurrence of all the Powers invited to participate in the General Congress had been signified. Lord WODEHOUSE, according to the London *Times*, is to be the colleague of Earl COWLEY in the representation of England. An important circular, of which a brief synopsis alone reaches us, has been directed by the Austrian Government to its diplomatic agents, presenting the views of that Government in regard to the treaties, and to the objects contemplated by the Congress. It is reported that Russia will insist upon the discussion of the Eastern question, urging that nothing has been done by the Government of Turkey toward fulfilling its pledges in favor of its Christian subjects. The suppressed, or rather suspended *brochure* of M. EMILE GIRARDIN has at last been permitted to appear at Paris, with the objectionable passages struck out. There is nothing of interest from England. The Spanish invasion of Morocco is productive of frequent conflicts, in which the Moors appear as the attacking parties, and the Spaniards as victorious in repelling the assaults. The forces of the European army have been motley. Reinforcements are constantly joining Spain. The Mexican question has again been presented to the British Government, in a memorial addressed to Lord JOHN RUSSELL. Commenting upon this document, the London *Times* returns to its former arguments in favor of external intervention, deploring that the United States is perversely bent upon not assuming the reconstruction of the distracted Republic.

Mr. SEWARD, upon his arrival last evening, was received at the steamer by several of his personal and political friends, by whom he was accompanied to the Astor House, where rooms had been engaged for him. The Young Men's Republican Committee, with two brass pieces fired a salute of one hundred guns in the Park in honor of the arrival. The distinguished Senator is in excellent health. To-day, at 10½ o'clock, delegations from the two Republican General Committees waited upon him at his hotel to tender him a welcome. At 12 o'clock he is to receive his friends in the Governor's Room in the City Hall, agreeably to the invitation of the City Government.

A mutiny occurred at sea, on the 17th inst., on board the bark *James Cook*, bound from Havana to New-York. Two seamen named KELLEY and SULLIVAN rose on the captain and mates, and were only subdued by subjugation after SULLIVAN had been shot in the side. The mutineers have been brought to New-York.

The House of Representatives continues to waste the vanishing days of the short session in idle and unimportant debate. Mr. MORRIS, of Illinois, had the floor yesterday, and after giving way to a random conversation, for which Mr. COX, of Ohio, furnished the theme, by declaring his willingness to vote for an Anti-Lecompton Democrat, and his indisposition to sustain a South American, proceeded to utter a violent invective against the Administration and its measures and its motives. Without yielding the floor, Mr. MORRIS gave way to a motion for a ballot, when Mr. BRANSON, of Tennessee, placed before the House the name of Mr. MAYNARD, of the same State, as that of an independent conservative, in all respects entitled to the support of conservative men of both sections. The vote was interrupted by constant debate, each gentleman taking pains to explain the reasons of his vote. When the result was declared there were found to be 106 necessary to a choice—of which Mr. MAYNARD received 101; and Mr. MAYNARD, 65, the rest were scattering.

The trial of Rev. JACOB S. HARBER, on a charge of having murdered his wife by the administration of poison, which was commenced at Belvedere, N. J., on Tuesday, was postponed yesterday on account of the absence of a witness material to the defence. Judge WHELPLEY set down the case for the first day of the next regular term.

A serious accident happened to the steamship *Granada*, on her arrival last evening from New-Orleans and Havana. In coming up the bay she encountered a body of drift ice, and before any danger had been apprehended, the steamer's bows were cut through, filling the forward compartment with water, extinguishing the fires and stopping the engines, just as the steamer had reached her dock. The steamer's pumps being rendered useless, the water continued to gain until the vessel sank to her guards at the head of the Chambers-street pier. The passengers and their baggage were safely landed.

The Board of Education of 1859 held the concluding meeting last evening. During the session a resolution was offered and laid on the table, to pay the teachers who had refused to open their schools by sending a portion of the Scriptures. The annual report of the Finance Committee was read, showing a balance against the Board of $27,461 66. The President and Clerk, and Mr. COUSINS, Chairman of the Finance Committee, received votes of thanks, and the Board adjourned.

The National Health Association continued its sessions yesterday afternoon and evening. There were addresses by Dr. TRALL, in opposition to the use of drugs; by Mrs. PAGE, advocating the necessity for the proper education of woman in the sphere of her being; by Miss HARRIET AUSTIN, on the demand for a woman's dress reform, and by Dr. ALCOTT, on various subjects pertaining to the preservation of health.

The corner-stone of the "Infants' Home," to be erected on the corner of Fifty-first-street and Lexington-avenue, was laid yesterday with interesting ceremonies. Rev. HENRY E. MONTGOMERY delivered an address on the occasion.

The Stock market yesterday opened lower, but subsequently improved on the morning prices, and left off steady. New-York Central, 75½@¾ cent. Money is fair inquiry among the brokers. The Exchanges, 109½@¾ on London, and 5.11½ on Paris.

Cotton was quiet, and somewhat depressed. Flour was moderately active, and desirable lots were firmer. Wheat was lightly dealt in. Corn was also more positive. Provisions were not so much sought after. Merchandise generally was active and prices favored buyers. Foreign Coal and Salt were scarce and wanted. Refined Iron, Copper, North River Slip, New Hope, Sole Leather, Hides and Linseed-Oil were in request. The movements in other branches of trade were unchanged. There were 444 vessels of all classes in port.

Our Live Stock reports this week give condensed tables showing the weekly and total receipts at the New-York yards of live animals of all kinds, destined for slaughter, during the year now closing. From these it appears that there have been brought to the City during the year 1859, a total of 1,145,295 beeves, veal calves, sheep and lambs, and swine, to including 8,492 milch cows, a total of 1,154,787. For 1858, the receipts were 1,236,437. The number of beeves this year exceeds last year by 14,236. The weekly average this year has been 3,964; last year, 3,676. The average price this year has been 8½c. ⅌ lb. for the estimated dressed weight; last year, 9½c. Average weekly receipts of cows this year, 183; last year, 199. Average weekly receipts of veal calves this year, 741; last year, 629. Average weekly receipts of sheep and lambs this year, 9,784; last year, 8,668. Average weekly receipts of swine this year, 7,555; last year, 10,406. For the past week, receipts of beeves, 3,926; of milch cows, 119; of veals, 400; of sheep, 7,075; of swine, 12,400. At yesterday's market the same general average of price was obtained, though the stock offered were not generally equal in quality. The market was, however, not buoyant, and quite a number of animals were left unsold.

Postal Reform.

The Postmaster-General in his report on the condition of his department, discusses the "penny post" and its defects, in a very fair spirit, and it must be admitted that in the whole range of Government undertakings there is nothing which stands in greater need of reform. The contrast which our own Post-office presents, in this particular alone, to that of European countries is most discreditable and humiliating, and this of itself, even if the matter did not affect the public welfare and comfort so much as it does, would furnish a sufficient reason for a thorough reform.

In England, when one mails a letter and pays two cents postage in advance, the post-office undertakes to deliver it to the person to whom it is addressed at his house or lodgings immediately on its arrival; and with such fidelity and accuracy is this carried out that even in London the morning's mails are on everybody's breakfast-table by 9 o'clock, and in his office still earlier. Our post-office, on receiving the legal rate of postage, simply undertakes to lodge the letter in the post-office at its place of destination, and there the recipient must seek it at his convenience. If he has no box, the carrier will bring it to him on the afternoon of the day of its arrival, and charge two cents extra for the job.

The testimony of our Postmaster-General, however, is that even with this extra rate—or in other words with a postage of five cents a letter, the penny-post delivery "is imperfect in its details, and unsatisfactory alike to the public and to the Department in its operations." As a local post it is utterly worthless. In London a letter mailed in the morning for any part of the vast area of that city, is not only delivered, but an answer may be received inside four hours, and for certainty, accuracy and general reliability, the public notoriously prefer it to the best special messenger which any private individual could command. The consequence is that they avail themselves of it to an extent which renders it one of the most profitable departments of the service.

This local delivery is, in this City, almost exclusively in the hands of private expressers. The Post-office is unable to compete with them, because, says the Report, "their rates are so low." The Post-office is compelled to charge two cents on every letter, one for the carrier and one in compliance with the act of 1855, for the postage; while, according to the Postmaster-General, the expressers generally deliver letters for one cent. Now the fact is, that the leading letter-expressers in this City charge two cents for the delivery of each letter, and yet at this rate they monopolize the local delivery and beat the Post-office out of the field. The secret of their success does not lie therefore in their cheapness, but in their comparative rapidity, certainty and punctuality.

The Post-office might suppress them by declaring the streets of the cities to be post-routes, but as the report says, until it is prepared to deliver city letters as cheaply and promptly as the express companies do, the exercise of any such power would be unwise and oppressive. The Post-office is, however, not prepared to do anything of the kind, and until it is—until it can fairly compete with and surpass the expressers, in everything which now secures them their custom—it fails to fulfill one of its first duties, and is so far an outrageous burden on the public.

The Postmaster-General acknowledges that, as regards the delivery of letters in the large cities, or, in other words, in the great centres of correspondence, the box system has been outgrown by the population, and must finally be abandoned, as it has been in the European capitals. There are now about 4,000 boxes in the New-York Post-office, and though, of course, this only gives one box to every 25,000 male inhabitants, even this number "leads to much confusion and inaccuracy in the distribution and delivery of mail matter." If the City and its business continue to grow at the present rate, in five years more 10,000 boxes will bear about the same proportion to the wants of the community that the 4,000 now do, and it will be then impossible to distribute the letters at all. But if it were possible, if every householder in the City had a box, the system would still be inefficient to the last degree. To charge three cents for the carriage of a letter, and after its arrival oblige a person living in Fortieth-st to pay twelve cents for riding down to Nassau-street to get it and back again, may be a legitimate transaction, but it is not an indication of great postal efficiency. It must not be forgotten, too, that the box is still an advance upon the no-box system, and it is on the latter that the mass of the public is still dependant for the receipt of its mail matter. The box-owners are after all but a few business men, with offices in the immediate vicinity of the Post-office. The great mass of the citizens are treated to still greater "confusion and inconvenience," as well as loss and delay, than can be charged to this clumsy and antiquated expedient. On this subject, the report concludes by saying:

"A frequent, rapid and punctual delivery, on reasonable terms, of all correspondence received at the post-offices of our great cities, is what the public have a right to claim of the Department, and what it will be its unceasing endeavor to secure to them."

This is hitting the nail on the head. This is precisely what we want. We want a delivery of mail matter from the country at all offices and residences, by Post-office carriers, at least twice a day; and a delivery of City letters five or six times a day, and we want to have them thoroughly rapid, punctual, and reliable, and in this, as the Postmaster-General acknowledges, we are not in the least unreasonable. But we confess we have no expectation of seeing our wishes gratified, and we know the reason why. The best system of postal service that was ever put on paper, depends for its real usefulness [illegible] of the officials who work it [illegible] as their qualifications, and their interest in doing their work well. As long as clerks and letter-carriers are appointed in London and Paris solely for their fitness for their duties, and retained just so long as they perform them properly, and no longer, and as long as our clerks and letter-carriers are chosen for their political services solely, and kept for the sake of their votes and their electioneering dexterity, it is mere drivelling to compare our postal service with that of France and England, or expect to make it equal to theirs. A good postal system can no more be created and carried on by a horde of small political hacks than a man-of-war can be navigated by newsboys. So soon as a Postmaster-General comes into power, who will establish a rule to retain every one of his subordinates in office as long as he performs his duties properly, no matter what his politics may be, and make promotion the prize of fidelity and efficiency alone, we shall have a good Post-office, and not one minute sooner. As long as we allow hack politicians to put their nonsensical doctrine of rotation in office into practice, we may as well reconcile ourselves to existing abuses with as good a grace as possible.

The Southern Abolition Organ.

Our neighbor of the *Herald* feels a little uneasy at our exposure of his nice arrangement for doing the incendiary work of the Abolitionists in the Southern States. He is needlessly sensitive on the point. Nobody is in the least surprised at the disclosure of the fact. The arrangement is perfectly in keeping with the character and career of the *Herald*, and only extends a little the sphere of its ordinary activity.

It is the sharpest thing the Abolitionists have done for twenty years. The great stumbling block in their way has always been the difficulty of finding access to the free negroes, slaves, and non-slaveholding whites of the Southern States. GARRISON, HENRY C. WRIGHT, WENDELL PHILLIPS, CHEEVER, and all the rest of the red-handed insurrectionists who have been working day and night for twenty years to stir up a rebellion in the South, have been baffled and hindered from the very beginning by their inability to reach the audience they were addressing. They have made speeches, written letters, printed pamphlets, held Conventions, and done everything else in their power to spread their sentiments and arouse the Southern slaves to insurrection; but all their efforts proved abortive, simply because they could not reach the quarter to which their appeals are addressed. They rebounded like balls from a brick wall.

The *Herald* has changed all that. Being the only Northern journal which has any considerable circulation in the Southern States—and going infinitely further in its editorial professions of devotion to Slavery than any other, it was precisely the instrument which the Abolitionists needed for the accomplishment of their ends. It goes South without challenge or inquiry. It is put on file in Southern reading-rooms—lies upon the table of the Southern gentleman—is eagerly commended by planters and politicians to the great mass of the people for the soundness of its editorial teachings concerning Slavery, and thus reaches precisely the men—white and black—upon whom the incendiary Abolitionists rely with most confidence for the final accomplishment of their plans. When they secured its aid and alliance, therefore, they made the greatest stride towards success which they have ever been able to take. They had the whole Southern public at once thrown open to their inflammatory harangues and incendiary appeals—and if their whole cohort of traveling missionaries had been permitted to take the stump in every district of every Southern State, they could not have done their work more effectually. The *Herald* has devoted itself to their service with all the zeal and energy it could command. It has published everything they could devise, and filled its columns day after day with the appeals of the insurrectionists to the slaves, free negroes and whites of the Southern States. Last Saturday it contained five or six columns of letters from HENRY C. WRIGHT, addressed directly to Southern men, urging the right and the duty of a servile insurrection. It published also LLOYD GARRISON's incendiary speech in Boston, which no other paper in the City—not even the *Tribune*—has ventured to reproduce.

It is gratifying to perceive that the *Herald's* services are fully appreciated by its employers, and that the Abolitionists omit no opportunity, when they can do it quietly and without exciting suspicion, to commend its zeal and direct public attention to the vigor and efficiency of its labors. WENDELL PHILLIPS takes care always to mention it in his speeches, THEODORE PARKER gives it an occasional puff, and Mr. THADDEUS HYATT, the special agent of BROWN in this City, publishes cards every now and then, praising the fidelity with which all the outpourings of Abolitionism are regularly carried to the Southern public through the *Herald's* columns. It was through the *Herald* that HELPER's book was first made notorious, and that page after page of its inflammatory appeals to the non-slaveholding whites of the South were for the first time put within the reach of the very persons for whom they were written. For two or three years Mr. HELPER had been trying to bring his book to the knowledge of the Southern public. The *Tribune* had puffed it,—the Anti-Slavery journals had published extracts from it, and Republican members of Congress had indorsed it—but all in vain. *These organs did not reach the right quarter.* They had no access to the people of the Southern States. The book was intended to be incendiary. Its object was to set fire to a Southern magazine,—and none of these papers could carry it within gun-shot of its mark.

The *Herald* had peculiar advantages for just this service. It was admitted freely into the Southern States. It constituted an underground railroad, over which the Abolitionists could transport, into the very heart and citadel of the enemy, tons upon tons of bombs and all the material of a servile war. And it has been doing this work for the last few weeks with a degree of success that must fairly astonish even the most sanguine of its Abolitionist allies and employers. They undoubtedly looked for some result—but they could not have anticipated so sudden and complete an achievement of their cherished aims. They have, after twenty years of steady effort, at last brought the country to the very verge of civil war; and they may justly claim that ten times more credit for this result is due to the *Herald* than to any of the other agencies and instrumentalities which have been employed in the service of Abolition insurrectionism.

The result in this case shows the tremendous power of a free Press. Simply because the *Herald* has access to the Southern mind—because it alone of all the newspapers of the [illegible] columns of Abolition incendiarism, by which any other journal would be exploded or burned—has it been able to plunge the whole Southern community into the condition of excitement and turmoil which now prevails. Give the Abolitionists, for six months, the same control of the *Herald* which they have had for the last six weeks, and it would not be possible for the united conservatism of both sections to save the country from a repetition, on an infinitely larger scale, of the worst horrors of the negro insurrection in St. Domingo.

A Distinction without a Difference.

The New-York *Tribune* takes Mr. CURRY, of Ala'ama, to task for an alleged misstatement of the "Anti-Slavery opinion of the North," and proceeds to respond to set him right, in the manner and form following. Mr. CURRY—(whose views derive importance from the fact that he is the only representative at Washington, on either side of the House, who has as yet addressed himself to the country in the language and with the temper of a statesman, on the great question of our sectional relations.)—Mr. CURRY places the opponents of Slavery in the position of maintaining that "property in men is a crime; that the African is the equal of the white man, and that being a man, he is entitled to the privileges and immunities of other citizens." It strikes us that these words of Mr. CURRY very aptly hit the truth in regard to Anti-Slavery opinion, not now and at the North alone, but wherever that opinion has taken firm and consistent shape, in any part of the Union, since the nation had an existence. Mr. JEFFERSON clearly thought "property in man is a crime," or he would hardly have said that "he trembled for his country when he remembered that God was just;" and when we consider that Mr. JEFFERSON was himself a slaveholder, that he filled the highest offices in the land, and founded the party whose principles for half a century have ruled the current of our national destinies, it can hardly be thought extravagant to assume that the Northern Anti-Slavery opinion of to-day goes at least as far as the Anti-Slavery of the Sage of Monticello. Chancellor LIVINGSTON, whose remarkable declaration of faith on this subject we quoted a few days since, in commenting upon the heated fanaticisms of Mr. O'CONOR's Pro-Slavery harangue, evidently believed that the African was the equal of the white man, and was entitled to the privileges and immunities of other citizens, or he would scarcely have advised the rejection of a bill abolishing Slavery in New-York, upon the specific ground that it refused to the African and his descendants the rights and immunities aforesaid, and threatened to maintain that race forever in a position of legalized degradation. And when we remember that Chancellor LIVINGSTON not only gave to Slavery and the South the vast expanse of Louisiana, but laid the corner-stones of the great political temple of the Democracy in this State and the Union, it can hardly be esteemed unreasonable for Mr. CURRY to assume that the *Tribune* and the New-York Republicans of 1859 have not receded from the Chancellor's ground on the subject of human rights and their political guarantees. Nevertheless, the *Tribune* does disavow Mr. CURRY's definition, and substitutes for it a fresh definition of its own, which it declares to be a "vastly more correct general statement of Anti-Slavery ideas," to wit: "That property in men is an oppressing, a wrong, a blunder, which [illegible] itself felt by those who commit it, as well as by those who are the objects of it; that the African is a man, and that, being a man, he is entitled to the common rights of humanity, to wit: the protection of the law for his person, his family relations, and the enjoyment of the fruits of his own ingenuity and industry, in the production and accumulation of property." To this statement the *Tribune* thinks the "great body of the Northern people would readily subscribe." Probably Mr. CURRY will agree with the *Tribune* in thinking so, for the *Tribune's* "statement of Anti-Slavery doctrine" is as nearly identical with his own as a proposition put in fifty words can be with the same proposition put in five. What Mr. CURRY defines clearly and concisely as a "crime," the *Tribune* develops, through a lumbering array of tautology, into "an oppression, a wrong, a blunder, which, like other wrongs and blunders, makes itself felt by those who commit it, as well as by those who are the objects of it." Or does the *Tribune* hold that oppressions and wrongs" are not crimes—or that it is not a quality of crimes to affect "those who commit them, as well as those who are the objects of them?"

When Mr. CURRY avers that Anti-Slavery opinion demands for the African "the rights and immunities of citizenship," the *Tribune* replies that, on the contrary, Anti-Slavery opinion only seeks to secure him "the protection of the law for his person, his family relations, and the enjoyment of the fruits of his own ingenuity and industry in the production and accumulation of property." We should like to know by what process the *Tribune* proposes to secure to the African in America these good things, otherwise than by recognizing in his case the right of representation, as a control upon taxation? The *Tribune's* phraseology would warrant the notion that Africans are not to be protected in the enjoyment of merely inherited property, not the fruits of their own "ingenuity and industry;" but this, we take it, is a mere verbal lapse. In point of fact, we presume, the *Tribune* would not so strangely limit the proprietary rights and privileges of the African race. Certainly, the "Anti-Slavery opinion" of the North has never avowedly taken any such direction.

The *Tribune* discusses this whole question under the caption of "The Republican Position." How far the *Tribune* represents the "Republican" Party, and how far the "Anti-Slavery opinion" of the North, may be matter of doubt. It has claimed for itself by turns the right to speak as the organ of both. Whatever be the capacity in which it now utters its voice, then, it is perhaps worth while to know precisely what it means by its corrections of Mr. CURRY's speech. Does it mean to say that property in men is *not* a "crime," and that the "African, being a man," is *not* "entitled to the privileges and immunities of other citizens?" Or does it mean to affirm more or less than these propositions in alleging that they misrepresent the Anti-Slavery North?

MISS PATTI'S BENEFIT.—The dull routine of holiday performances—for dull they are to all, save the most enthusiastic juveniles—will be relieved to-night by an event of gallant significance. Miss ADELINA PATTI, the little prima donna whom we call our own from pure covetousness, and not because she was born [illegible] here, are [illegible] that [illegible] first received at the Academy of Music a just recognition of genius is one of the glorious prerogatives of the sovereign people, and never has it been exercised so heartily as in the case of this lady. Her talents were acknowledged by the Press and the public long before the management of the Academy awoke to a consciousness of its good fortune in possessing such an *artiste*. This, perhaps, fortunate drowsiness was attended with the best results. It deterred Mr. UGHAMI from publishing a "card," and left him no opportunity for a managerial rhapsody on the subject of "inspiration." Hence the operatic antecedents of Miss PATTI have been tolerably free from clamorous vulgarity. She has achieved the greatest success by the honest exercise of rare powers, and by the quick appreciation of an altogether too much abused public. The old, old libel, that no artist could succeed in New-York without the prestige of a European reputation has been exploded once more. When we can get what they always manage to secure in Europe, plenty of voice and a fair share of youth, we are satisfied. The very best invariably contents us.

There cannot be a shadow of a doubt that Miss PATTI has redeemed the present operatic season from utter failure. Something is due to her as a recognition of this fact, for the loss of an opera season would be very grievous to New-Yorkers. Something, too, will very willingly be done by the admirers of the lady who have watched her progress and proudly shared her triumphs, especially as it is more than hinted that Miss PATTI will repair to Europe after the termination of the season, and, perhaps, leave us to darkness and to casual Sicilians for years to come. However this may be, there is an opportunity, to-night, of doing the "polite thing," for, next to her *debut*, the first benefit of a prima-donna is conventionally the most memorable event of her life. It is for her the first bloom of the plum; the first dewy Spring-fragrance of the roses of success.

Arrival of Senator Seward.

Senator SEWARD arrived in this City last evening on board the *Arago* from Havre, just in time to find himself welcomed by the metropolis of the great State which he represents, in a manner worthy of the City and of his own high station. The unanimous vote of the Board of Aldermen and the Common Council of New-York, tendering him the use of the City Hall for the reception of his friends, is a very just and creditable rebuke of the slanders which have been heaped upon this distinguished public man during the heat of the present political excitement. Of course it will be misunderstood and misinterpreted by those who are bent upon misunderstanding and misinterpreting everything which emanates from the conscious conservatism and high spirit of the Northern people.

But those who know New-York best will be the last to suspect the members of her City Government of anything approaching to a sympathy with the doctrine of an "irrepressible conflict" between the Northern and the Southern sections of the Union. In offering the hospitalities of the City to Senator SEWARD, precisely as they have been offered so many times before to Senators from the North, the South, the East and the West, the Aldermen and Councilmen of New-York simply put on record the decided indisposition of the whole community lightly to accept as true the grave charges of treason and sedition which have been so liberally lavished upon their highest Federal representative. The character of New-York herself is at stake in the character of her Senators, and whatever may be the possible tendency of Mr. SEWARD's doctrines, or of his language, the great constituency in whose name he speaks and acts at Washington, is not to be insulted with hasty imputations that it has chosen an abettor of arson, insurrection and murder to be the official incarnation of its sovereignty in the councils of the Union. This is a consideration which has been too much overlooked of late in the angry debate between sectional parties at the Capital, and to which the action of our municipal authorities has given a very just and timely prominence.

Excellent Advice.

The *Moniteur de l'Armée* gives the French troops proceeding to China half a column of advice, emanating from a sanitary commission, which, though probably very creditable to them as medical men, does not evince much practical knowledge of campaigning. A good deal of it resembles the physician's advice to the pauper: to live high, drink old port, and take horseback exercise; and more of it is like the recruiting sergeant's warning to a candidate for enlistment in the cavalry, that he must not expect to be allowed to go fox-hunting on his troop horse *more* than twice a week—a privation to which the recruit, no doubt, readily reconciled himself. The *Moniteur* counsels the members of the Chinese expedition "never to remain in damp or wet clothes;" to wear in Summer "light clothing of soft wool, or linen, and to wash it when it is soaked with perspiration; "never to sleep on the bare ground," and "to put a plank under his feet, with a little straw on it, whenever he stands still;" "never to eat ducks;" "never to eat fruit too ripe," &c., &c.;—directions which would be invaluable, but for the circumstance that they can hardly ever be followed in active service. The advice, "always to stand on a plank with a little straw on it," is a splendid specimen of contempt for impossibilities.

The document reminds us strongly of a general order issued by Lieut.-Col. Hore, the commanding officer of a regiment of Edinburgh volunteers, in 1803, when the grand army was assembled at Boulogne, and an invasion was daily expected. "On halting for the night," said this great leader "the Lieutenant-Colonel earnestly recommends that no gentleman shall lie down to sleep while warm, or with wet feet, but however fatigued, always take time to cool gradually, and to put on his dry shoes and stockings. In case of being very wet, it is highly useful to rub the body and limbs with spirits, warm if possible, taking at the same time a mouthful, and not more, inwardly, diluted with warm water. Gentlemen will see the propriety of not taking too much money with them. One or two guineas at most, partly in silver, will be sufficient. As it is the first duty of a commanding officer to attend to the health of his men, the Lieutenant-Colonel assures the regiment that he will not permit a single gentleman, officer or private, to march out of Edinburgh on service, unless he is provided with a flannel under-dress."

EDITORIAL ENTERPRISE.—Our energetic contemporaries of the *Courrier des Etats-Unis*, yesterday vindicated the French talent for organization, by producing a complete and accurate translation of the President's Message in their earliest morning issue. The labor and ability involved in such a feat as this can be best estimated by the few of our readers who had the faith and courage to go through the original document, at their leisure, in the vernacular.

NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

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Fire.

FORTY THIEVES BURNED AT ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, Mo., Tuesday, Dec. 27.

The Washington-avenue Brewery, with five adjoining buildings, was burned this morning. The amount of the loss is about $6,000, and the insurance $1,500.

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A Tax on Horse Jockeys.

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Accounts Warehoused at Quebec.

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The building occupied by Messrs. [illegible], in Washington-avenue, was burned last night. The loss on the building and goods contained is $12,000, and was insured for $5,000.

European Steamers.

NON-ARRIVAL OF THE ARAGO.

SACKVILLE, N. B., Wednesday, Dec. 28.

The Newfoundland Mail steamer arrived at this place this morning, and was the vessel signalized at noon, and at first supposed to be the *Canada*.

There are yet no signs of the *Canada*, which is now fully due at Halifax, with Liverpool dates the 14th and Queenstown of the 15th inst., as of the troop ship *Alleghany*, also due there.

NON-ARRIVAL OF THE NORTH BRITON.

PORTLAND, Me., Wednesday, Dec. 28—11 P. M.

The steamship *North Briton* has not been signalized up to the present time. She brings Liverpool dates, via Queenstown, of the 14th inst.

SAILING OF THE ARAGO.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Dec. 28.

The Royal Mail steamship *America* sailed soon after noon to-day with twenty-seven passengers for Liverpool and fifteen for Halifax, and $4,000 in specie.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Dec. 28—P. M.

The steamship *America* remained below anchor for dispatches from Washington until 6 o'clock this evening. The dispatches not arriving by the overland mail as expected, she then put to sea.

Additional from Mexico.

NEW-ORLEANS, Tuesday, Dec. 27.

Dates of the 19th have been received from Monterey. MIRAMON's Government had pronounced against Mr. MCLANE's treaty.

MIRAMON was at Guadalajara on the 8th. He has restored $400,000 of the $660,000 Mexican cash thus obtained, and has forwarded it to Tampico. Only foreigners are missing.

Union Meeting at Troy.

TROY, N. Y., Wednesday, Dec. 28.

A large Union meeting is convened in this city this evening. Gen. JOHN E. WOOL presides, assisted by a number of the oldest and most respectable citizens as Vice-Presidents. W. A. SEWARD, of Troy, and H. J. RAYMOND, of New-York are the speakers. Letters were read from Hon. ROBERT DUNCAN, MILLARD FILLMORE and HARVEY BURDEN.

Bank Defalcation at Boston.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Dec. 28.

The rumor current last week of a thirty-thousand dollar defalcation by a bank employe, is now asserted to be true, and that influential and wealthy friends of the delinquent have suppressed the disclosure.

Murder by a Jealous Husband.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Dec. 28.

JAMES CARROLL was killed in East Boston last evening by JOHN BAILEY, in a quarrel originating in a jealous suspicion that CARROLL was too intimate with BAILEY's wife. BYLES is under arrest for murder.

Terminus of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Dec. 28.

The Directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad have fixed upon Prime-street, in the eastern part of this city, as the Delaware terminus of their road.

The Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Dec. 28.

The Board of Directors of the Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad met at the Lafayette House this afternoon, and appointed a Committee to confer with the Committee appointed by the New-York Bondholders. The two Committees are now in joint session.

Mutiny at Sea.

THE MUTINEERS ARRESTED AND BROUGHT TO NEW-YORK.

Capt. YOUNG, of the bark *James Cook*, arrived yesterday, from Havana, makes the following report. The *James Cook* sailed from Havana Dec. 10, and on the 17th, while in sight of the Florida coast, and while standing at the wheel, he was surprised to hear the cry of "murder" from the second mate. A passenger named GEO. WILLIAMS took the wheel, saying there was bad work on the main deck. Upon proceeding there Capt. YOUNG found the first and second officers fighting for their lives, with two seamen named J. KELLEY and THOS. SULLIVAN. The captain succeeded in getting the mates into the cabin—the seamen making a number of attempts to knock him (Capt. Y.) down. He then got in himself, keeping the sailors outside. They made repeated efforts to obtain admission.

The captain proceeds: "I then told them that if they made another attempt to gain the cabin, I would fire on them. At that they both made a rush at me with their weapons, swearing they would have our lives. I fired one shot in the air, to show them that if they persisted I would most certainly fire the next shot at them. Finding they were determined to have our lives and take the vessel, I fired upon them, the shot taking effect in SULLIVAN's side. KELLEY then dropped his weapon and went forward. After examining the wound and finding it not mortal, I drowned it and confined him and KELLEY separate." SULLIVAN was sent ashore at Quarantine, and KELLEY taken in charge by officers MATHEW and SEAGE.

Academy of Music.

VERDI's opera of the "Sicilian Vespers" was played here last night, for the first time this season, and the tenth of its production in this country. It generally happens that, when the weather is bad and the attendance is meagre, the artists are in excellent voice and sing with more than their usual force. It was so last night, and the performance, although enjoyed by a limited number, was admirable. Verdi's work will undoubtedly maintain permanent place in the repertoire of the Academy.

Miss PATTI takes her benefit to-night—the first she has ever had on the operatic stage of this City. The attendance will, we hope, be a substantial compliment to the lady, and a full recognition of her merits as an artist. The "Somnambula" entire; an act from "Lucrezia" and an act from the "Traviata" will be given. This extraordinary bill embraces all the names of the artists now at the Academy. We are desired to say that there will be no Matinée on Saturday—the company leaving for Boston on the day.

SOUTH CAROLINA AND THE CHARLESTON CONVENTION.—For some two weeks previous to the adjournment of the late Legislature, we heard of the circulation of a card amongst the members of both Houses for the obtainment of signatures from those favorable to attacking South Carolina to the cut of party in the self-constituted counsels, and upon the unequal terms of the National Convention at Charleston. The success of those efforts was, we learned, quite limited. How far our information was correct can be gathered from the document published below, from the South Carolinian. Out of one hundred and sixty-nine members, this card embraces the names of thirty-seven gentlemen:

The undersigned, on behalf of themselves and others, members of the Legislature, who deem it advisable that South Carolina should be represented in the Democratic Convention which is to assemble at Charleston, for the purpose of nominating candidates and acceptable candidates for the Presidency and Vice-Presidency of the United States, recommend to the people of the State who think with them, to meet in their respective Districts, at the Court-Houses, to appoint delegates to convene in Columbia, on the third Monday in April following, who will point, from their number, two delegates from each Congressional District, and four from the State at large, to represent this State in said Convention.—Charleston Mercury, Dec. 28.

Moral Intelligence.

THE WHITE STARS, CAPTAIN WYMOUTH FINCH, HOME AT SINGAPORE.

[Correspondence of the New-York Times.]

SINGAPORE, CHINA, Dec. 17, 1858.

In my letter from Canton, I mentioned the public fame of one of the coasting steamers, and gave a little from the social, and a story which I sincerely believed and currently reported at the time, "that the Governor of this place (Teautai) had presented two magnificent trees to Captain Finch, as a token of his esteem as Captain Finch had heard of it, and wished to express his appreciation. I had also said that the Governor left here for Hongkong with his interpreter, by permission, to meet the new Governor-General, who was expected hither, where he intended to remain. Contrary to that being the home of his wife's parents. We arrived here yesterday, to fix some part of our machinery, which is constantly getting out of order. We found a letter here to the effect that this state of affairs at Canton, was in the possession of the Imperialists, &c., &c. This silly story, which I believed because so much so, was circulated the week from Key West, reached Canton, Glasgow, Liverpool, &c., &c. Captain Finch, for instance, is a native of Cape Ann, Massachusetts, and has been in the service of the Imperial Government of Canton, and is a native of Boston, and has been in the service of the Imperial Government of Canton, and is a native of Boston, and has been in the service of the Imperial Government of Canton, and is a native of Boston

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Of the most approved style, manufactured at the oldest establishment in the State.
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House and store on 4th-av., near 20th-st.	$11,000
A new modern 3-story house on East 18th-st.	7,000
A new brown-stone house on 32d-st., near 4th-av.	11,000
Also, two on 35th-st., near Lexington-av.	11,000
A brown-stone house, full lots, on 36th-st., near Broadway	9,000
A brown-stone house on 27th-st., between 4th and Lexington avenues	11,000
A very nice 3-story brick house, modern, on West 22d-st.	10,000
A very nice 3-story brick house, modern, on West 20th-st.	9,000
A 4-story brown-stone English basement house on East 15th-st.	11,000

Apply to KINSHIMER, No. 343 4th-av.

VALUABLE REAL ESTATE NEAR THE HUDSON RIVER FOR SALE.—The homestead of the late John Tillotson, with about 30 acres, on the road to the Fishkill Station, on the Hudson River Railroad, and containing 220 acres of choice land, unusually well watered. The Mentecown or Fishkill Creek runs nearly a mile through the estate and affords many beautiful sites for building. There is a variety and abundance of fruit; a very pleasant mansion house, delightfully situated; and commodious stables, carriage houses, &c. The society of the neighborhood, for intelligence and refinement, is not surpassed anywhere; and the surrounding country is not equaled in the Union in grandeur, beauty and attractiveness.
Conveyance will be given January 1, at Rutchuck M., the estate of the late Peter J. Tillotson, Esq., will be sold at the Orange Hotel, Newburgh. This property is situated two miles west of Newburgh, and contains one hundred acres of rich land. The buildings are commodious and in excellent order; and the land is well watered, and in a high state of tillage. It is in a highly cultivated and rapidly-improving section; and is a very desirable country seat.
Any further information can be had upon application to JAMES A. TILLOTSON, Fishkill Landing, N. Y., JAMES M. TILLOTSON, Newburgh, N. Y., JOB WRIGHT, No. 110 Broad-st., New-York; or CHARLES E. MORTON, No. 24½ Pine-st., room No. 9; or JOHN P. GREEN, No. 128 Fulton-st., New-York.—Dated Dec. 8, 1859.
THOMAS GEORGE, Balgray,
Newburgh, N. Y.

VENDUE OF REAL ESTATE.—AT COLT'S Neck, Monmouth County, N. J., by Commissioners, at the hotel late Samuel Laird's, at Colt's Neck, on TUESDAY, Jan. 3, 1860. Said hotel property is one of the best stands in the county, and a few acres with it; a farm of 50 acres adjoining the hotel; a house and lot near Colt's Neck; a farm of 147 acres near Colt's Neck; several tracts of woodland. Sale peremptory. Information given by JOSEPH T. LAIRD, ROBERT LAIRD, Colt's Neck, or BENNINGTON F. RANDOLPH, Freehold, N. J.

FOR SALE—SIX HUNDRED LOTS LOCATED on 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th avs., and 54th, 55th and 56th sts., Brooklyn, adjoining the new proposed cemetery, commanding and commanding an extensive view of New-York Bay and City. The City Railroad cars are constantly passing this property, and only 30 minutes ride to the ferry. Building Associations and capitalists are requested to examine this property. Apply to L. T. BERGEN, Executor, No. 20 Vesey-st., New-York.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT—TWO LOTS, 25 feet front by half the block in depth, situated on 35th-st., between 7th-av. and Broadway, together with a good five story building thereon, 20 feet by 50, running across the rear of said lots. With a good 30-horse engine, boiler, belting and shafting throughout the building, with planing machine, mortising machine, work-benches, &c. Everything complete. If a boiler, or should it be wanted for other purposes, the machinery will be taken out. Inquire at No. 62 10th-av.

FOR SALE—THE FOUR-STORY BROWN-STONE front house, No. 41 East 37th-st., between 4th and Lexington avs., the location one of the best on Murray Hill. It has all the modern improvements, black walnut stairs all the way, hard-wood doors in parlor story, and mahogany blinds. The house is first class in all its parts. Inquire on the premises of
HAMILTON & RYER, Builders.

BROOKLYN HEIGHTS.—FOR SALE—A first-class, three-story and attic, brown-stone, front house, with all modern improvements, in perfect order, situate in Remsen-st.; half the purchase money can remain on mortgage. Apply to MANN & RODMAN, Attorneys, Jauncey Court, No. 32 Wall-st.

FOR SALE—THE BROWN-STONE HOUSE AND lot northeast corner of 30th-st. and Lexington-av.; lot 22 feet by 100 feet; house 22 feet by 60 feet, three stories and basement, with modern improvements. Apply to B. L. GUION, from 9 to 10 A. M., or 3 to 5 P. M., at the Corn-Exchange Hills, foot of East 24th-st.

A GENTLEMAN OWNING A NEAT PLEASant country seat, also a farm on Long Island, within a short distance of Brooklyn, on the Long Island Railroad, large enough for good buildings and land, will sell cheap for cash. Inquire of B. M. FOWLER, No. 74 Broadway, Room No. 3.

BROADWAY LEASE FOR SALE.—A FOUR years' lease of a first-class store, situated near Spring-st. Premises consist of first story, basement and sub-cellar, 25x100 feet. Inquire of
CALDWELL & JANES, No. 36 Broadway.

FOR SALE—TWO VALUABLE LOTS OF ground, Nos. 34 and 36 East 20th-st., between 5th and Madison avs. Inquire of SAML. WATERBURY, No. 91 Bleecker, corner of Mercer-st.

REAL ESTATE AND TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEYS and MAPS, Patent Office and other drawings, handsomely executed by GEO. E. WOODWARD, Civil Engineer and Draughtsman, No. 536 Broadway.

TO LET.

ROBT. E. BABB, REAL ESTATE AGENT, 181 BROADWAY.—Houses let. Loans negotiated. References—Ex-Mayor Harper, Leonard W. Kipp, Esq.

HOTEL TO LET,
AT ISLIP, LONG ISLAND.
The Champlin House, with about 40 acres of land, bordering on Lake Winginhoppog, which is well stocked with trout; 43 miles from New-York by railroad, with two trains daily. The location has full view of the Great South Bay. For further particulars, inquire, at 12 o'clock, of JOSEPH W. MEEKS, Grocers' Bank.

HOUSES TO LET—WITH IMMEDIATE POSsession.
A small three-story brick on 56th-st., near 3d-av., $300.
A modern three-story brick on 29th-st., near 3d-av., $600.
A handsome three-story brick on 19th-st., near 2d-av., $750.
A large modern house on West 12th-st., $1,400.
A large three story brick on Albion-place, $800.
A three-story brick, 3 rooms deep, on 12th-st., $1,000.
A first-class on Madison-av., near 30th st., $1,800.
A very finely-furnished house on Eight-st., $1,800.
Two modern-furnished houses on 11th-st., $1,800.
A very nice furnished house on 37th-st., $1,200.
A modern furnished house on 21st-st., $2,000.
A fine furnished marble house on 23d-st., $1,500.
Apply to KINSHIMER, No. 343 4th-av.

TO BE LET—THE NEW STORE NO. 100 VESEY-st., in front of Washington Market. Also the dwelling-house, with green-house, gardener's house and stable, situated on the East River, at the foot of 53d-st. The garden is planted with various fruit-bearing trees and plants. The dwelling-house is commodious, comfortable and suitable for a private residence, and for that use only it is offered. Immediate possession can be given. Apply to GEORGE JONES, No. 349 Broadway, Room No. 5.

FURNISHED HOUSE TO LET, AND IMMEDIATE possession given, located on West 23d-st.; it is fully and completely furnished; has all the modern improvements, and will be let only to a responsible small family, without children. Rent only $125 a month. Call early, on KINSHIMER, 343 4th-av.

TO LET—THE NEW THREE-STORY PORTLAND stone house, No. 57 49th-st., between 8th and 9th avs., 18 feet 9 inches wide by 45 feet deep. Will be leased for a term of years, and possession given immediately. Apply at No. 89 West 45th-st., or to LIV. LIVINGSTON, No. 85 Nassau-st.

A FURNISHED 4-STORY BROWN-STONE house, on 12th-st. between 5th and 6th avs., to let, with the exception of reception-room, which is used as an office. As the house is not fully furnished, it will be let at the nominal rent of $100 a month.
KINSHIMER, No. 343 4th-av.

TO LET OR LEASE—THE FOUR UPPER lofts of store corner of Warren and Greenwich sts., suitable for business purposes, having finished walls, hoistways, gas and Croton water; well lighted from both streets. Apply on the premises.

TO LET—THE SALOON NO. 210 WILLIAM-ST., 100 ft. deep, with a room adjoining, 30 ft. square; 7 bedrooms, workshops for light manufacturing. No. 208 William and No. 113 Nassau-st. Inquire of M. GILHOOLY, No. 75 Nassau-st.

TO LET—OFFICES IN THE NEW BUILDING No. 207 Broadway, corner Fulton-st., suitable for banking, insurance, railroad companies, brokers, lawyers, jewelers, &c. Apply on the premises, to J. M. JAQUES, Room No. 7.

TO LET—THREE LOFTS, 20 BY 80 FEET, WELL lighted; suitable for a light manufacturing business. Possession can be had immediately. Inquire on the premises, No. 232 9th-av. Would be let singly if desired.

TO RENT—A LARGE FOOD, WELL LIGHTED, in the fifth story of the *Times* Building. Possession can be had at once.

STEAM POWER TO LET AT THE EMpire Works, foot of East 24th-st. Premises and power adapted to heavy work. Engines 1,000 horse-power. Inquire on the premises.

A NUMBER OF ROOMS TO LET—WITH steam power. Apply at No. 213 Centre-st.

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ALL THE LEADING BRANDS.
Brandies, sherries, ports, old Irish and Scotch whisky, the choicest Bourbon, pure old Jamaica, from the London docks. Also, Havana cigars, sauces, cordials, &c., for sale, in large or small lots, by
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Geo. A. Leavitt, Auctioneer.
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TRADE SALE ROOMS, Nos. 317 and 319 BROADWAY,
For the sale of
BOOKS, STATIONERY, WORKS OF ART, &c.
Consignments solicited.
THURSDAY AFTERNOON, Dec. 29, commencing at 2 o'clock,
CATALOGUE of a PRIVATE LIBRARY of CHOICE STERLING WORKS in the various departments of literature, many of them in the most superb manner, and expensively illustrated, comprising works of History a large number of expensive books on Moral and Mental Philosophy, Grecian History and Antiquities, Political Economy, Natural History, Travels, etc., mostly of the best London editions; among which may be found Alison's History, 14 vols., full calf; Bancroft's works, 16 vols., elegant full calf; (Pickering;) Beaumont and Fletcher, 11 vols., Boston, 1852; Cowper's works, 7 vols.; Cuvier's "Animal Kingdom," 5 vols., colored plates; Humphrey Davy's works, 9 vols.; Edwards's "Spanish Sandals," 3 vols., 4to; "Encyclopædia Britannica," 21 vols., 4to; "Iconographie Encyclopédie," 5 vols., full Turkey; Locke's works, 10 vols., full calf; Pacific work, 2 vols.; "United States Exploring Expedition," 8 vols.; Smith's works, 10 vols.; Waverley Novels, 25 vols., 8vo, cloth; "Natural History of New-York," with map, complete, 16 vols., colored plates, etc., etc.

A. J. Bleecker, Auctioneer.
THE ADJOURNED SALE OF 647 LOTS, extending from 211th-st. to 135th-st., and fronting on Broadway and the Harlem River, part of the Dyckman estate, will be held at the Merchants' Exchange,
ON THURSDAY, Dec. 29, 1859,
At 12 o'clock.
A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO.
A large proportion of the purchase-money may remain on mortgage for
FIVE YEARS.
N. B.—In consequence of the unfavorable weather before the day previously extended for the sale, and in order to afford more time to view this beautifully located property, the sale has been adjourned to and fixed for
THURSDAY, Dec. 29, 1859,
when it
WILL POSITIVELY TAKE PLACE,
AND BE MADE
WITHOUT RESERVE.
For maps and particulars, apply at the Auctioneer's office, No. 7 Pine-st.

Richards Ringsland, Auctioneer.
LARGE SALE OF FINE FURS.
RICHARDS RINGSLAND & CO. will sell at auction on
FRIDAY, Dec. 30,
At 12 o'clock, at No. 166 Broadway,
By catalogue, for cash, in lots to suit City and country trade and private buyers, a large assortment of furs, consisting in part of

Hudson Bay fox, worth from	$75 to $300
Hudson Bay Mink Marten	25 to 200
Stone Marten	35 to 75
Fitch Marten	20 to 75
Siberian and French Squirrel	5 to 50

Also, a large assortment of French sable, ermine, opossum; French, American and Russian mink cloaks, cardinals, mantillas, capes, victorines, muffs, muffs, &c., &c.; various kinds and latest styles of fur gloves, caps, collars, &c., for gentlemen. Also, a full and complete assortment of children's furs, in sets complete, varying from $10 to $75 per set. Fine sleigh robes of bear, otter and other skins.
The above is the balance of stock of the best manufacturer in the City, and was made expressly for Broadway trade. Every article will be guaranteed as represented on Catalogue. Goods will be on exhibition from 9 till 12 o'clock on the morning of sale.

Edward Schenck, Auctioneer.
ASSIGNEE'S SALE OF SUPERB
DIAMONDS,
WATCHES, AND
DIAMOND AND 18-CARAT JEWELRY, TO BE SOLD
At auction, on FRIDAY, 30th inst., at 10½ A. M., by E. & F. H. SCHENCK, at their salesroom, No. 33 Nassau-st. The stock comprises in part: set of diamond and emerald necklace, head-ornament, bracelet, brooch and ear-rings, cluster and single stone diamond earrings, pins and finger-rings, superb sets of elegant jewelry, diamond, sapphire, ruby and other precious stones, frosted and engraved full sets of garnets, frosted and enameled bracelets, brooches, superb cameo and lava sets, sets of diamond and ruby studs and sleeve buttons, vest-chains, ladies' chatelaines, scarf-pins, &c., &c.
ALSO,
Ladies' diamond and enameled watches, hunting and open face; also, superb chronometers, duplex, double-time keepers, open-face watches of the finest class.
The above is the entire stock of one of our first-class Broadway houses, and is to be positively sold without reserve. By order of
L. BONNEFOUX, Esq., Assignee.
No. 46 Platt-st.

Henry H. Leeds, Auctioneer—Salesroom 23 Nassau-st.
HENRY H. LEEDS & CO. WILL SELL at auction on THURSDAY, Dec. 29, at 10½ o'clock, at the salesroom No. 23 Nassau-st., magnificent Diamonds and other jewelry, watches, &c. Consignees direct, and to be sold without reserve, being one of the largest and finest assortments ever offered at auction in this City, and particularly adapted for Holiday Presents, consisting of elegant diamond work, coral, garnet, carbuncle, turquoise, Florentine and Roman mosaic, lava, cameo, onyx, emerald and other precious stones in bracelets, necklaces, brooches, ear-rings, studs, buttons, &c.; in fact every variety, all of the most modern, desirable and latest designs and costly descriptions. Also an elegant assortment of all gold work in various forms, as chatelaines, chains, &c.
Also a splendid assortment of diamonds, inlaid and enameled watches for ladies, of the finest description, just received from the best European makers; all of which will be sold without reserve, offering an unusual opportunity to purchasers, as every article is guaranteed by us as per catalogue. Ready for exhibition on the morning of sale.

Henry H. Leeds, Auctioneer—Salesroom 23 Nassau-st.
HENRY H. LEEDS & CO. WILL SELL at auction, on FRIDAY, Dec. 30, at 11½ o'clock, in

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sound and perfect in every respect, kind in single and double harness, warranted free from trick, fault or blemish; they took the premium at the last fair; five and six years old, half-brothers, beautiful iron greys, and are a wonderful match, and trot together with great action in nearly three minutes. They can be present owner $3,000, and will positively be sold, rain or shine, to the highest bidder.
Also, a perfectly new set of double harness, made by Wood, Gibson & Co. Cost $120.
Also, a new buggy, top-wagon, with pole and shaft, made by C. Beardsley, and has been used but twice, and is in perfect order, and warranted. Cost recently $300. A nearly new doctor's chaise, (low, on four wheels,) made by C. Beardsley, very little used, and in most excellent order.
Also, all the dress-blankets, hoods, robes, sheets, whips, &c., &

FINANCIAL.

[illegible] DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a semi-annual dividend of Four (4) Per Cent., payable after the first Monday of January next.
[illegible] Books are closed. They will be reopened Jan. 4, 1860.
GEO. I. SEERY, Cashier.

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CIRCULAR NOTES AND LETTERS OF CREDIT on London, available in all the principal cities of the world.

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INTEREST COUPONS
on
Illinois State, Sun Prairie City, and Sacramento City and County Bonds,
Due Jan. 1, 1860, payable at maturity by
WELLS, FARGO & CO.,
No. 87 Broadway.

GAS LIGHT STOCKS FOR SALE,
in various City Companies, varying from Eight to Twelve Per Cent.
JOHN S. MURRAY,
No. 42 Wall-st., New-York.
Office of the American Gas Light Journal.

[illegible] BELIEVE OF KENTUCKY BONDS.—Pursuant to an Act approved 1st March, 1859, by the Legislature of the State, [illegible] Lexington and Ohio Railroad Company will pay the interest on its bonds, due January next, at the Bank of America, in the City of New-York, thirty days from the date thereof, but the [illegible] reserved the power to re-[illegible] at her pleasure at any time [illegible] days from the date thereof, [illegible] will exclude the 1st day of January, [illegible] Bank of America, New-York, at the end of [illegible] days from the date of such bond, and after [illegible] will be paid at the Bank of America, New-York, at the end of [illegible] days from the date of such bond, and after [illegible] will be paid at the Bank of America, New-York, at the end of [illegible] days from the date of such bond.
C. S. MOREHEAD,
Governor and Chairman of Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of Kentucky.
By the Governor, MADISON BROWN, Secretary of State.

Bank Savings Savings Bank, No. 2 Chambers-st., New-York, Dec. 12, 1859.
DEPOSITORS.—THE DEPOSITORS ARE HEREBY notified that a SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND, at the rate of [illegible] PER CENT. per annum, on all sums over $5 and [illegible] PER CENT. on all sums of $500 and upwards, will be made to them, credited at least three months prior to the First of JANUARY, and allowed to bear interest from the First of January next. The Bank will be open for business at the Bank.
Interest will be paid at the Bank, and will remain as principal and bear interest from the 1st of January. Bank open daily from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M., and on Thursdays from 4 to 7 P.M.
PETER R. TITUS, President.
G. A. Wesson, Secretary.

NEW-YORK AND ERIE RAILROAD COMPANY.—Holders of the Bonds and Stock of this Company are hereby notified that the time to sign the agreement for the reorganization of the Company expires on the 1st of January next. Those wishing to become parties to the agreement must send their assents to the undersigned, or to the Secretary, in New-York, or to the Secretary, in London, on or before the 1st of January next, or they will be cut out of the benefits of the agreement. Blank forms of the agreement may be had at the office of the Company, No. 48 Wall-st.
The undersigned will be prepared, on and after the 1st of January, to receive the bonds and certificates that may be sent to them for the purpose.
New-York, Dec. 1, 1859.
DUDLEY S. GREGORY,
J. C. BANCROFT DAVIS, } Trustees.

Office of the Panama Railroad Company, No. 128 Front-st., New-York, Dec. 29, 1859.
DIVIDEND NOTICE.—The Board of Directors of this Company have this day declared a dividend of Five per Cent. on the Capital Stock of the Company, out of the earnings of the road, for the six months ending with the 31st inst., payable on and after Jan. 3, next, to Stockholders of record on the books of the Company, who are such at the time of the closing of the books on the 20th inst. The transfer books will be closed from the 20th to the 31st inst., inclusive.
AUGUSTUS HOFFMAN,
Treasurer.

CHICAGO, BURLINGTON AND QUINCY RAILROAD COMPANY SINKING FUND BONDS.—Proposals for the purchase of the first mortgage sinking fund Bonds, pro-ceeds will be received by the undersigned at Boston, until noon on Wednesday the 28th inst., at which time for the sale and delivery to them within five days thereafter, of thirty-four ($34,000) of these interest bonds, of the Company, at the office of Messrs. Ketchum, Howe & Co., No. 42 Exchange-place, New-York, or at the Treasurer's office, in Burlington, at the option of the holders.
E. NICHOLS, Treasurer.

DIVIDEND.—PARK FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 231 Broadway, corner of Park-place.—New-York, December, 1859.—The Board of Directors of this Company have declared a semi-annual dividend of Ten (10) per cent., payable on and after 24 of January next. The transfer books will be closed from the 20th inst. to the 24 of January, inclusive.
WM. JAFFRAY, Secretary.

DIVIDEND.—ATLANTIC BANK, BROOKLYN.—A semi-annual dividend of five per cent. on the capital stock of this Bank has been declared out of the profits of the six months ending the 31st inst., payable on and after the 24 day of January next. The transfer book will be closed until the day of payment.
By order of the Board of Directors.
WM. C. RUSHMORE, Cashier.

BANK OF NEW-YORK.—THE BOARD OF Directors of the Bank of New-York have this day declared a dividend of Three (3) per Cent. on the Capital Stock of the Bank for the current six months, payable to the stockholders on and after the 4th day of January. The Transfer Books will be closed from this date until Jan. 4.
W. E. MEEKER, Cashier.

BROADWAY BANK, New-York, Dec. 27, 1859.
TWENTIETH DIVIDEND.—A SEMI-ANNUAL Dividend of Five per Cent. on the Capital Stock of this Bank, from the profits of the current six months, will be paid on and after the 3d January ensuing. The Transfer Books will be closed from the 20th inst.
By order,
J. L. EVERITT, Cashier.

ROSE HILL SAVINGS' BANK, CORNER 3d-st. and 7th-av. Open daily from 10 to 3 P. M., on Wednesdays and Saturdays until 7 P. M. All moneys deposited on or before the 10th day of January will draw interest from the 1st.
WM. F. HAVEMEYER, President.
Samuel W. Bell, Secretary.

Office Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati Railroad Company, Cleveland, O., Dec. 21, 1859.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of this Company, for the election of Directors, will be held at the office of the Company, in Cleveland, on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 11, 1860. The transfer books of New-York and Cleveland will be closed from Jan. 3 to Jan. 11, inclusive.
GEO. A. RUSSELL, Secretary.

Merchants' Exchange Bank, } In the City of New-York, Dec. 21, 1859.
DIVIDEND.—A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF Four (4) per cent. on the Capital stock of this Bank will be paid to the stockholders or their legal representatives, on and after the 2d day of January next. The transfer books will be closed from this date until the 2d January.
E. J. OAKLEY, Cashier.

DIVIDEND.—CONTINENTAL BANK, NEW-York, 23d December, 1859: A dividend of three and a half per cent. (3½) on the capital stock of this Bank, from the earnings of the past six months, will be paid to the stockholders on and after WEDNESDAY, the 4th day of January next. The transfer books will be closed from the 23d instant, inclusive.
E. W. TALMAN, Assistant Cashier.

Office of the Mechanics' Fire Insurance Co., No. 64 Wall-st., New-York, Dec. 27, 1859.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THIS Company have declared a dividend of Six Per Cent. (3) from the earnings, payable on and after the 24 day of January next, until which time the transfer books will be closed.
JOHN BARTON, Secretary.

SAINT NICHOLAS BANK.—NO. 7 WALL-ST., New-York, Dec. 20, 1859.—The annual election of Stockholders for this Bank, and of three inspectors of the election, will be held on TUESDAY, the 10th of January next, at the Banking-house, No. 7 Wall-st., between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
A. PARKHURST, Cashier.

Office of the Traveller's Fire Ins. Co., New-York, Dec. 27, 1859.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a dividend of 3½ per cent., payable on and after the 3d January, until which time the transfer books will be closed.
T. Y. BROWN, Secretary.

A REDUCTION OF FIVE TRUSTEES OF THE NEW-YORK BALANCE-DOCK COMPANY will be made at the office of the Company, No. 2 Wall-st., City of New-York, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M. on the second Wednesday of January next. Dated New-York, Dec. 28, 1859.
JAMES NICHOLSON, Secretary.

BANK OF THE COMMONWEALTH.—NEW-York, Dec. 21, 1859.—The Board of Directors have this day declared a Dividend of Three and a half Per Cent. out of the profits of the past six months, payable to the stockholders on and after the 3d day of January next.
GEORGE ELLIS, Cashier.

INTEREST NOTICE.—THE SEMI-ANNUAL Interest on the bonds of the Joliet and Chicago Railroad Company, due Jan. 1, 1860, will be paid on presentation of the proper coupons, at the office of M. K. Jesup & Co., Bankers, No. 40 Exchange-place, on and after Jan. 1.
GEO. BARRETT, President.

A MEETING OF THE HOLDERS OF THE Milwaukee and Prairie du Chien Great Bonds of the La Crosse and Milwaukee Railroad Company, will be held at the office of CHARLSON H. POTTER, Esq., No. 61 Wall-st., New-York, on THURSDAY, Dec. 29, at 12 M.

COUPONS ON THE MINNESOTA STATE'S Loan, coming due on the 1st January next, will be paid on presentation of the same at the office of the undersigned, and after that date they will be payable in New-York upon presentation.
A. W. ARMSTRONG, State Treasurer.

YORK COUNTY COUPONS, DUE JAN. 1, will be paid by WILLIAM HOGAN & CO., 6 Wall-st.

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VAN ANTWERP & CO.,
DEALERS IN BANK NOTES, EXCHANGE AND BANK STOCKS,
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COLLECTIONS made in all parts of the United States, or Canada, on the most favorable terms. Refer to Atlantic Bank, N. Y.; E. K. Arthur, Pres. Union Bank, N. Y.

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AUCTIONEER AND BROKER,
No. 36 William-st., buys and sells stocks and Bonds at Brokers' Board; insurance Stock at private sale. Current of Insurance Stock furnished on application.

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NO. 64 WALL-STREET.
Business paper negotiated at lowest rates. Advances made on New-York Stocks.
Loans obtained on good securities.

Office of the Del. & Hud. Canal Co., New-York, Dec. 8, 1859.
THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THIS Company have declared a semi-annual Dividend of Three and a half per cent. out of the profits of the Company, payable on and after Wednesday, the 5th inst., at the Office of the Company, No. 45 William-st., corner of Exchange-place. The Transfer Books are now closed, and will remain closed until the morning of the 5th inst. By order of the Board.
ISAAC N. SEYMOUR, Treasurer.

Manhattan Savings Institution, No. 644 Broadway, corner Bleecker-st., Dec. 20, 1859.
THE TRUSTEES OF THIS INSTITUTION have declared that interest at the rate of Five (5) per cent. per annum on all sums of $[illegible] and under, and Five (5) per cent. on sums over that amount, be paid to all depositors entitled thereto, payable on and after Monday, the 9th day of January next.
All interest not withdrawn will draw interest the same as principal.
F. A. BROWN, President.
A. A. Alvord, Secretary.

THE MERCHANTS' BANK OF ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21, 1859.—DIVIDEND NOTICE.—THE MERCHANTS' BANK OF ST. LOUIS, after placing Two per cent. of the earnings to Contingent Fund, one Two and a half per Cent. on capital paid in to the end to Surplus Fund, will pay their regular dividend of Five per Cent. to the New-York Stockholders, at the Bank of America, New-York, on and after THURSDAY, Jan. 5, 1860.
J. A. BROWNLEE, President.
E. F. Barry, Cashier.

Treasurer's Office of the State of Illinois, Springfield, Nov. 23, 1859.
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Treasurer of the State of Illinois will, on the first day of January, 1860, and from day to day thereafter, for thirty days, at the American Exchange Bank, in the City of New-York, pay the interest on the Public Debt of the State of Illinois.
WILLIAM BUTLER, Treasurer.

Bank for Savings, No. 67 Bleecker-st., December 20, 1859.
NOTICE TO DEPOSITORS.—IN ORDER TO avoid and correct incidental errors, and to furnish information that is wanted, the Trustees request the depositors in this institution, having accounts not open for more than seven years, to send their pass-books to the Bank to be written up. By direction of the Trustees.
JAMES DE PEYSTER OGDEN, Sec.

NORTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY OF NEW-JERSEY.—The Semi-annual interest on the Bonds of the Northern Railroad Company of New-Jersey, due on the 1st of January, 1860, will be paid at the Hoboken City Bank on and after TUESDAY, Jan. 3 on presentation of the coupons. THOS. H. HERRING, President.
JOHN VAN BRUNT, Treasurer.

Mechanics' and Traders' Bank, No. 153 Bowery, New-York, Dec. 22, 1859.
AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS OF this institution for the ensuing year, and for three inspectors for the next ensuing election, will be held at the banking-rooms, on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 11, 1860. Poll open from 2 to 3 o'clock. By order,
GEO. W. YOULE, Cashier.

MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' BANK, JERSEY CITY.—THIRTEENTH DIVIDEND.—A semi-annual dividend of four per cent. from the profits of the current six months, will be paid to the stockholders on and after the 6th of January next.
J. S. FOX, Cashier.
Jersey City, Dec. 28, 1859.

GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 146 Broadway, New-York, Dec. 28, 1859.—The Board of Directors of this Company have declared a Dividend on the Capital Stock of this Company to Jan. 1, at the rate of Seven per Cent. per annum, payable Jan. 10. The transfer books will be closed from 31st inst. to Jan. 10, inclusive.
R. V. GARAGAN, Secretary.

DIVIDEND.—GOODHUE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY DIVIDEND.—The Board of Directors of this Company have declared a dividend of Six Per Cent., payable to the Stockholders on and after the 2d day of January, 1860, until which time the Transfer Books will be closed.
E. W. MAOY, Secretary.

CHATHAM BANK DIVIDEND.—A DIVIDEND of Three and a Half (3½) per Cent. has been this day declared, payable on and after 10th January next. The transfer books will remain closed from the 23 to the 10th, inclusive.
O. H. SCHREINER, Cashier.
New-York, Dec. 23, 1859.

BANK OF JERSEY CITY—DEC. 22, 1859.—A Semi-annual Dividend of Four per Cent. on the capital stock of this Bank will be paid to the stockholders or their legal representatives, at the banking-house, on or after Jan. 5, 1860. By order of the Board of Directors.
A. S. HATCH, Cashier.

JERSEY CITY WATER BONDS.—THE Coupons of the Jersey City Water Bonds, due on the 1st proximo, will be paid on presentation at the Continental Bank, New-York, or at the Mechanics' and Traders' Bank, Jersey City, on and after Jan. 3, next.
CHARLES FINK, President Water Board.
Jersey City, Dec. 28, 1859.

Hanover Bank, New-York, Dec. 28, 1859.
DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a dividend of three and one-half per cent. on the capital stock, payable on and after the 9th day of January next. By order,
THOS. L. TAYLOR, Cashier.

BANK OF COMMERCE IN NEW-YORK.—DIVIDEND.—A semi-annual dividend of three and one-half per cent on the capital stock of this Bank has been declared, payable on and after January 3.
E. F. VAIL, Cashier.

IOWA INTEREST.—THE INTEREST DUE FIRST Aprox. on the Bonds of the State of Iowa, will be paid upon presentation of the proper Coupons, on and after that date, (1st January, 1860,) at our office, No. 104 Broadway.
ATWOOD & CO.
New-York, Dec. 12, 1859.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY RAILROAD CO. The Coupons due 1st of January, 1860, on $400,000 First Mortgage Bonds of that Company, will be paid on and after Jan. 3, 1860, at the office of
SCHUCHARDT & GEBHARD.

COUPONS ON THE JACKSON COUNTY, OHIO, BONDS, due 1st of January next, will be paid at the OCEAN BANK on presentation of same on and after that date.
PARKER HANDY, Cashier.

CALIFORNIA STATE AND SAN FRANCISCO City Coupons bought by AUGUST BELMONT & CO., No. 50 Wall-st.

ALL KINDS OF STOCKS, BONDS, &c., bought and sold at Brokers' Board, or private sale, by THOMAS DENNY & CO., No. 30 Wall-st.

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BOOTS AND SHOES.

A person well acquainted with the near-by boot and shoe trade, also, with the eastern market, wishes a situation as a buyer, or would buy and sell both, or do either; reference here and in Boston. Address BOOTS AND SHOES, Box No. 4,126 Post-office.

DRUG-STORE FOR SALE.—A NEATLY FITTED and well stocked Drug store, situated in a thriving country village, about half an hour's ride from New-York. Rent very low. No competition. At present doing a fair business, but which could be very greatly increased. A partner would be taken. For full particulars, call on HENRY HAYDOCK, 89 Beekman-st.

SILK MACHINERY FOR SALE.—COMPLETE machinery for throwing about 200 pounds of silk a week, all in the first order, is offered for sale at 60 per cent. of its original cost. This machinery is of the latest style, and has been in operation for six months only. It can be seen by calling on S. NEWMAN, No. 32 Williams-st., Newark, N. J.

$30,000.—A SPECIAL OR GENERAL partner wanted with about this amount, in a dry goods commission house, now having a special capital of $30,000, and an established business, which can be readily increased. All communications confidential. Address F. T., Box No. 148 Times Office.

A BUSINESS ALREADY ESTABLISHED, paying a large profit, will be disposed of very reasonably, the advertiser not having time to attend to it. Energy and a small capital will make this one of the best businesses in the City. Address, with real name, S. T., Box No. 122 Times Office.

FOR SALE.—OLD ESTABLISHED GROCERY and tea house, on Greenwich-st., doing cash business $1,500 to $2,000 weekly, or will take a partner. Inquire at No. 452 Greenwich-st., after 12 o'clock. One of the present partners retiring 1st of January.

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Manufacturers of HOT WATER and HOT-AIR FURNACES, and BEEBE'S CELEBRATED COOKING RANGES, having completed their extensive new Foundry at Morrisania, are prepared to execute with dispatch orders for EVERY DESCRIPTION OF CASTINGS and WROUGHT IRON WORK, and invite opportunities for estimating upon plans and specifications for
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STEAM TO GLASGOW DIRECT.
The high-class, powerful, Glasgow built screw-steamship UNITED KINGDOM, Capt. Hendrickson, will sail from Pier No. 3 North River, on SATURDAY, Dec. 31, at 12 o'clock, noon, direct for Glasgow. Forward Cabin, $60; Steerage, including cooking utensils, $30. This steamer has unsurpassed accommodations for passengers. For passage, apply to
FRAS. MACDONALD & CO.,
No. 67 Broad-st.

OLD MAIL LINE
FOR
CALIFORNIA,
VIA PANAMA RAILROAD,
SIXTEEN STEAMERS AT PANAMA AND ACAPULCO.
REGULAR DAYS ST'S WITH OF EACH MONTH.
On THURSDAY, 5th January at 3 P. M., the North Atlantic Steamship Company will dispatch the splendid steamship
BALTIC,
A. G. Gray, Commander, for Aspinwall direct, and will connect, via Panama Railroad, with the Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamer
SONORA,
F. L. Baer, Commander, and proceed direct to San Francisco.
For freight, apply to the Company's office, No. 38 Wall-st. For passage, apply at the office over the gate, on the wharf, at the foot of Canal-st.
WM. H. WITHERS.

FOR SOUTHAMPTON AND HAVRE.
THE UNITED STATES MAIL
STEAMER ARAGO,
F. Leroy, Commander,
Will leave for HAVRE, touching at SOUTHAMPTON to land the mails and passengers, on SATURDAY, Jan. 7, at 10 o'clock, from Pier No. 50 North River, foot of Beach-st.
This ship has five water-tight compartments, enabling the captain, so that in the event of collision or standing, the water could not reach them, and the pumps being free to work, the safety of the vessel and passengers would be secured.
Prices of passage: Second Cabin, $75 and $90.
For freight or passage, apply to
W. S. DRAYTON, Agent, No. 7 Broadway.
N. B.—The FULTON will succeed the ARAGO, and sail Feb. 4.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS.
FROM NEW YORK TO LIVERPOOL.
Chief Cabin Passage.....$120
Second Cabin Passage.....[illegible]
FROM BOSTON TO LIVERPOOL.
Chief Cabin Passage.....$120
Second Cabin Passage.....[illegible]
The ships from Boston call at Halifax and Cork Harbor.
PERSIA, Capt. Judkins, | CANADA, Capt. Lang,
ARABIA, Capt. J. Stone, | AMERICA, Capt. Millar,
ASIA, Capt. R. G. Lott, | NIAGARA, Capt. Anderson,
AFRICA, Capt. Shannon, | EUROPA, Capt. J. Leitch.
SCOTIA (now building).
These vessels carry a single mast and steam-head; green on starboard bow; red on port bow.
EUROPA, Leitch, leaves Boston, Wednesday, Dec. 14.
PERSIA, Judkins, leaves New-York, Wed'day, Dec. 21.
AMERICA, Millar, leaves Boston, Wednesday, Dec. 28.
ASIA, Lott, leaves New-York, Wednesday, Jan. 4, 1860.
CANADA, Lang, leaves Boston, Wed'day, Jan. 11, 1860.
ARABIA, Stone, leaves New-York, Wed'day, Jan. 18, 1860.
EUROPA, Leitch, leaves Boston, Wed'day, Jan. 25, 1860.
Berths not secured until paid for.
An experienced surgeon on board.
The owners of these ships will not be accountable for gold, silver, bullion, specie, jewelry, precious stones or metals, unless bills of lading are signed therefor and the value thereof therein expressed. For freight or passage apply to E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green.

PORTLAND AND CANADA SEMI-WEEKLY Line.—The [illegible] steamships
CHESAPEAKE, Capt. Spencer,
CHAMPION, Capt. [illegible],
Will leave Pier [illegible], East River, New-York, and Brown's Wharf, Portland, every WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY, at 5 o'clock P. M. Running time, 36 hours.
These steamers connect with the Grand Trunk Railroad, forming the cheapest and most expeditious freight line to Montreal and Quebec.
Passage, including meals and stateroom, $5. Apply to
H. B. CROMWELL & CO., No. 86 West-st.

THE NORTH GERMAN LLOYD'S STEAMship SBREEN, H. Wessel, Commander, carrying the United States Mail, will sail positively on
SATURDAY, Dec. 31, at 12 M.,
FOR
BREMEN VIA SOUTHAMPTON,
Taking passengers for
LONDON, HAVRE, SOUTHAMPTON and BREMEN,
At the following rates:
First cabin, $100; second cabin, $60; steerage, $35.
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No. 84 Broadway.

FOR THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST via CHARLESTON, S. C.—SEMI-WEEKLY U. S. MAIL SIDE-WHEEL STEAMSHIP LINE.—Cabin passage, $15; Deck, $6. The splendid steamship CAROLINA, W. Foster, Commander, will leave Pier No. 4, N. R., on SATURDAY, Dec. 31, at 3 o'clock P. M., precisely. Through tickets to the following places:

To New-Orleans	$30 75	To Augusta, Ga.	$20 00
To Mobile	26 00	To Atlanta, Ga.	23 00
To Montgomery	26 00	To Columbia, S. C.	20 00
To Nashville, Tenn.	30 00	To Charlotte, N. C.	22 00
To Memphis, Tenn.	33 50	To Jacksonville, Fla.	21 00
To Knoxville, Tenn.	27 00	To Pilatka	23 00
To Chattanooga, Tenn.	27 00	To Fernandina, Fla.	20 00

For freight or passage apply to
SPOFFORD, TILESTON & CO., No. 22 Broadway.
The favorite steamer JAS. LADDEL, R. Adams, Commander, will succeed on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 4.
Notice.—No Bills of Lading signed but those furnished by the Company. No freight received after 3 o'clock on the day of leaving.

WINTER ARRANGEMENT.—THE NEW-YORK & VIRGINIA STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S steamships will receive freight every day for Tennessee, North Carolina, Portsmouth, Norfolk, City Point and Richmond, and will leave Pier No. 13 North River at 3 P. M., as follows:
ROANOKE, Capt. Couch, on WEDNESDAY.
JAMESTOWN, Capt. Skinner, on SATURDAY.
Passage, stateroom and meals included, to Norfolk, $8; to Petersburgh or Richmond, $10.
LUDLAM & HEINEKEN, No. 115 Broadway.

ALEXANDRIA, WASHINGTON AND GEORGETOWN.—New-York and Virginia new-steamship Company's new and first-class steamship MONTICELLO, Capt. E. V. Gager,
MOUNT VERNON, Capt. F. C. Smith,
will form a semi-weekly line, leaving Pier No. 12 North River, every TUESDAY and SATURDAY, at 3 o'clock. Passage, including stateroom and meals.....$7 50
These steamers are new, and in every respect first-class.
Freight, eight cents per foot, received daily. No freight received after 2 P. M., on day of sailing.
The MONTICELLO leaves New-York on SATURDAYS; MOUNT VERNON on TUESDAYS. Apply to
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Fowle & Co., Agents, Alexandria.

FOR THE SOUTH—
NEW-ORLEANS AND MOBILE,
MONTGOMERY, ATLANTA, ALBANY, COLUMBUS, MACON, AUGUSTA, AND VARIOUS PLACES IN FLORIDA via SAVANNAH, Ga.—The favorite steamship FLORIDA, Capt. Isaac Crowell, will leave on SATURDAY, Dec. 31, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 4, North River. Through tickets can be had for the following places. Fare as low as by any other steamers from New-York to Savannah. Accommodations superior. New-York to New-Orleans, $30 75; Mobile, $25; Montgomery, Ala., $26; Atlanta, Ga., $22; Albany, Ga., $23; New-York to Columbus, Ga., $21; Macon, Ga., $21; Augusta, Ga., $20. For freight or passage apply to SAM'L L. MITCHILL & SON, No. 13 Broadway.

FOR SAVANNAH AND FLORIDA.—THE American Atlantic Screw Steamship Company's new and favorite steamship MONTGOMERY, W. G. Barry, Commander, will leave Pier No. 12, North River, on THURSDAY, Dec. 29, at 3 o'clock P. M. Passage to Savannah, with unsurpassed accommodations, $15. Through tickets to New-Orleans, $30 75; Mobile, $25; Montgomery, $23; Albany, Ga., $18; Columbus, $18; Atlanta, $22; Macon, $21; Augusta, $20; also, to principal places in Florida at lowest rates. Freight 15 cents per foot. Insurance one-half per cent. No risk taken under $200. Apply to
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FOR SAVANNAH, GA.—THE WELL-KNOWN first-class side-wheel steamship STATE OF GEORGIA, Capt. J. G. Garvin, will leave Philadelphia for Savannah on FRIDAY, Dec. 30, at 10 o'clock A. M. Very superior state-rooms can be secured by letter or telegraph.
The KEYSTONE STATE will sail as above for Charleston, S. C., on Jan. 5. Fare on either ship $15.
A. HERON, Jr., Agent.
Corner of 4th and Chestnut-sts., Philadelphia.

UNITED STATES PASSPORT BUREAU, No. 262 Broadway, corner of Warren-st.—UNITED STATES PASSPORTS issued (as above) through the Secretary of State, United States Commissioner, Notary and Commissioner for all the States. Naturalized citizens must produce certificates.

STEAMBOATS.

FOR BRIDGEPORT.—FARE FIFTY CENTS.—Steamer JOHN BROOKS leaves Peck-slip, every TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY, at 12 M. Freight taken at the lowest rates.
T. LOCKYER & CO., No. 113 South-st.,

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Forwards valuables and merchandise to and from, and collects drafts, bills, &c., in all parts of the
EAST, WEST AND SOUTH.
Will receive goods or orders to "call" at
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by his straight-forward course,
the fairness of his prices,
and the excellence of his stock
secured a reputation that will be lasting.
With a capital of $50,000,
he can defy competition, and afford to sell, at either wholesale or retail, at prices to suit everybody. Give him a call and be satisfied with the truth of our assertions."—*New-York Atlas.*

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MINERAL OIL.—WARRANTED AS PERFECT a coal oil as any other in the market for durability, brilliancy in burning, and all the qualities that make a first-rate article. This will be sold lower than usual prices. Barrels, 40 gallons.
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PATTI'S BENEFIT.
LAST PATTI BENEFIT AND LAST APPEARANCE, Prior to the departure of the company for Boston on Saturday.
Admission, $1; reserved seats, $1 50; private boxes, four seats, $8; family circle, 50 cents; amphitheatre, 50 cents.
Tickets to be obtained of usually authorized agents, and at Wall-st., Brunswick's, No. 181 Broadway.
Doors open at 7½; to commence at 8 o'clock.
THIS (Thursday) EVENING, at 1½ o'clock,
BENEFIT OF MLLE. ADELINA PATTI.
COMBINED PERFORMANCE.
ALL THE ARTISTS WILL APPEAR.
LA SONNAMBULA.
LUCREZIA BORGIA. LA TRAVIATA.
GAZZANIGA. COLLINS.
ADELINA PATTI.
First appearance of Signor SUSINI.
BRIGNOLI. STIGELLI. FERRI. ANGOLO.
The performance commences with the entire Opera, in three acts, of
LA SONNAMBULA.
ADELINA PATTI. AMODIO.
BRIGNOLI.
To be followed by the first act of
LA TRAVIATA.
Mme. COLSON. Signor STIGELLI.
To conclude with the second act of
LUCREZIA BORGIA.
Lucrezia Borgia.....Mme. GAZZANIGA
Genaro.....Signor STIGELLI
The Duke.....Signor SUSINI
His first appearance since his return from Europe.
TO-MORROW, most positively the last night and LAST APPEARANCE OF ADELINA PATTI,
DON GIOVANNI.
With the perfect and unrivalled cast.
NOTICE.—In consequence of the early departure of the Boston steamboat,
NO MATINEE WILL BE GIVEN ON SATURDAY.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.
Doors open at 7; to commence at 7½ o'clock.
In consequence of the crowded houses and brilliant success attending the entire performance at this theatre they
WILL BE REPEATED EVERY EVENING TILL FURTHER NOTICE.
Fourth week of
EVERYBODY'S FRIEND,
Which increases in attractive each night.
To conclude with a
FAIRY FROLIC
called
KNOCKS AND NOSES,
MR. BLAKE
In a Great Original Character.
With Music, Dance, Tricks, New Scenery, Costumes, &c., &c.
AND A STAR CAST.
TO-NIGHT (Thursday)
EVERYBODY'S FRIEND.
Mr. Felix Footlearly.....Mr. Lester Wallack
Mr. Inverock.....Mr. Brougham
Major Wellington de Boots.....Mr. Walcot
Cossman.....Mr. Oliver
Gardener.....Mr. Baker
Tray.....Mr. Parslow
Mrs. Yeatherly.....Mrs. Hoey
Mrs. Swandown.....Miss Mary Gannon
Mrs. Major de Boots.....Miss Floyd
Fanny.....Miss Tree
Cook.....Miss Carman
The orchestra under the direction of Mr. R. STOPPEL.
To conclude each evening with celebrated Fairy Frolic called KNOCKS AND NOSES.
With Dances, new Scenery, Tricks, Changes, Costumes, &c.,
Kabri (as originally played by him).....Mr. Blake
Prince of Avignon.....Mr. Floyd
Nico.....Mr. Young
Huntsman.....Mr. Parslow
Huntsman, Peasants, &c., &c.
Mrs. Kabri.....Mrs. Walcot
Annalette (with dance de Sabots).....Miss Floyd
The Fairy Blanche.....Miss Reeves
Villagers, Fairies, &c., &c.
INCIDENTS:
Scene—The Wooden Shoemaker's Hut in the Forest.
The Trap—The Hawk and the Dove—Transformation—The Fairy Blanche—Magic Mirror and 4th Tower—Blows for Noses—Quite in Season—The Mirror settles a Family Quarrel—House kept in order by Reduction—Arrival of the Huntsmen—The Prince and Annalette—Proposal and Retreat—A Confidential Communication—Mrs. Kabri turns the Tables—as well as the Mirror—Nico's Grief—The clouds disperse—Arrival of the Fairy Blanche, who sets everything to rights, as Fairies always have done, from time immemorial, and takes her departure by water.
Box Book open six days in advance.
TO-MORROW (Friday),
EVERYBODY'S FRIEND,
To conclude with KNOCKS AND NOSES.
Among the novelties to receive prominence, and short-lived Christmas stay, will be introduced a new DRAMA, FULL OF INTERESTING PLOT—HUMOROUS SCENES AND COMIC—DIVERSIFIED CHARACTER, AND PLEASANT EVENTS, with new Scenery, Costumes, Music, Machinery, &c.
NOTICE.—The performance will terminate every evening by 10½ o'clock.

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CITY INTELLIGENCE.

PROFESSIONAL ENTERTAINMENTS.—Mr. George Ingersoll, on the 3d of November last gave his first course of five conversations on the Science of Health, in the Hanover Institute, Hanover-square, for the benefit of the young men who are preparing to take advantages of the Institution, one of which has in the evening closed; and in the meantime about 300 in the aggregate have attended, 100 in the afternoon class, and 200 in the evening class; and the results have been, the study of anatomy, and 140 in that which depends on exercise to natural curiosity. The School of Design for women has 150 pupils, but a very small proportion of whom only 12 out of 150 and for instance. These are the only classes in the building, numerous who pay anything. There are lectures or classes every evening in the week during the winter upon approved with certificate of good moral character. The free reading-room is one of the largest in the country, and is open to all applicants, sent free of charge, besides a subscription-list for publications of the Institute, consisting of 150 per annum. All the principal foreign periodicals are received. The Art Gallery contains a large number of paintings by the Old Masters, including an original Raphael. A large portion of the Bryant collection is temporarily in the gallery. The expenses of the Institution are partially meet owed by rents of offices and stores. The revenue from this source is, however, much less than it would be, owing to the additional rents of Tompkins Market, and the smooth which temporarily vacated in its stead. Mr. Cooper has authorized the Trustees to draw upon him for $10,000 to make up the deficit in the first year's revenue. The Trustees will make an interesting report in the annual meeting.

THE SKATING CARNIVAL.—Crowds rushed to Central Park yesterday, assured by the community that the skating would be in its prime, and they were not disappointed. Much of the rough ice had been shaded by the laborious process of sweeping, so that professional skaters had a surface as smooth and clear as could be desired to glide over. It is said that one 500 pairs of skates have been sold in the City since the skating season of the present season broke out, and a certain rise in the price of the article is hinted at. Hitherto, Philadelphia has been under little to boast of in the fact that Philadelphia has the advantage to their better are those over during the Winter season, but the Ledger of Yesterday discourses as follows: "New-York boasts of her twenty-acre skating pond at the new Park, scarcely larger than some of our brick ponds. If the citizens of that City wish to know what skating is, they should visit Philadelphia in Winter, when they could find the Schuylkill frozen over for a hundred miles in length, and skating enough not only for all the citizens of the commercial metropolis, but sufficient leisure for all the skaters in the Union. If the Hollander Islander goes crazy over a twenty-acre skating pond, what would he do with the Schuylkill, the Delaware, Hollander's Creek, and the hundreds of miles of rivers of Pennsylvania of that character which the people of Philadelphia have at their command?"

REV. DR. BURCHARD ON NOVELS AND NOVEL-READING.—The first lecture of a course for the benefit of the City Library Association, established during the last Spring, at No. 6 Abingdon-square, was delivered last night at the Methodist Episcopal Church, corner of Bedford and Morton streets, by Rev. Dr. Burchard. His subject was "Novels and Novel-Reading." He dwelt principally on the indiscriminate reading of novels, as destructive to the literary taste, leading to the perversion of the moral judgment, and the impoverishment of the active sympathetic sensibilities, substituting for the practical realities of life, and tending to corrupt the character and the heart. He admitted that the genius of the best novelists, like Walter Scott, Bulwer, Dickens, George Sand, Eugene Sue, Alexandre Dumas, and the other lesser lights, had created a literature whose fruit was death.

ACCIDENT ON THE HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.—By the breaking of a rail yesterday morning, about half-past 9 o'clock, three passenger cars attached to the express train from Albany were thrown from the track when approaching Stockport. The locomotive, with the baggage and passenger cars, met it and passed over the gap in safety. The first two cars also remained on the track. A brakeman was slightly injured, but none of the passengers were hurt. At Hudson another train was made up so speedily that the passengers but an hour behind time when it reached Poughkeepsie.

TENDERING AN ASTOR MOZART HALL.—It is stated in certain quarters that Mayor Wood has in reserve a donation of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, which he designs to employ in constructing a new hall for the accommodation of that section of the Democracy of which he is the head. It is probable that the building will be erected on Fourteenth-street, opposite the Academy of Music.

AID FOR THE JEWS AT GIBRALTAR.—Rev. J. J. Lyons, minister of the Jewish congregation of Shearith Israel, in this City, has been empowered to receive contributions in aid of the distressed Jews of Tangier, who have sought refuge at Gibraltar. A circular has been issued, setting forth the necessities of these unfortunate persons.

THE U. S. DISTRICT-ATTORNEYSHIP.—Judge Roosevelt, who is confined to his house by serious illness, has not yet made known his determination in regard to the office tendered him by the President. He has, however, intimated a decided disposition to decline it.

NAVAL ARCHITECTURE.—In accordance with an invitation extended to him by Hon. George Bancroft, Mr. Henry Grinnell, Dr. Hawks, Mr. August Belmont and others, Hon. J. McLean Murray will lecture this evening, at Clinton Hall, on American ships and ship-builders.

Police Reports.

QUARRELSOME WORKMEN.

Richmond Bass, of No. 107 Lewis-street, and Henry Dobbin, of No. 99 Canton-street, both workmen in an iron-safe manufactory on the east side of the City, had occasion to blows for the purpose of settling a trifling matter of dispute between them. During the encounter Bass is alleged to have inflicted severe wounds on his antagonist's arm and side with a sharp stick. Bass was apprehended and taken before Justice Bleecker. He admitted having used the chisel, but asserted that he did so in self-defence. He was held, however, in $1,000 bail to answer a charge of assault and battery.

AN UNFORTUNATE INTERFERENCE.

James Adams, a young colored man, was taken to Essex Market Court yesterday on the complaint of Jane Wilkins, a young mulatto girl, residing at No. 25 Willett-street, who exhibited in evidence out on her left arm and two other wounds in her side, which she alleged to have been inflicted by the prisoner. The night before Christmas, having met Adams in the street, she informed him of the infidelity of his wife, upon which he accompanying him to a saloon, where, over a glass of wine, she could relate the matter in detail. While there Mrs. Adams, the subject of the conversation, entered, and a general tumult ensued, during which the prisoner is alleged to have used the knife. Adams denied the truth of the charge against him, but admitted in extenuation his frenzied condition of mind at the revelation that had been made him. Not deeming the excuse sufficient, the prisoner was locked up to answer in default of $2,000 bail.

DESTROYED IN THE ACT.

On Tuesday night Daniel Sinclair, the night porter at the Lafayette Hotel, discovered Charles Lane, alias Peter Carey, in the act of rifling the trunks of Mr. Joseph G. Rosseter, the proprietor of the hotel. The thief had opened the trunks with false keys, and some much of clothing had been packed up for removal. Lane was delivered into the custody of the Fifth Precinct Police, and having been taken before Alderman Tinsley, was held on a charge of attempting to commit grand larceny.

Coroner's Inquests.

On Tuesday afternoon a well-dressed young man, who had not been identified, fell into the water at Pier No. 11, N. R. He was speedily rescued, but died in the interim. Coroner Jerome held an inquest on the body, and a witness of the accident testified that deceased seemed to be intoxicated, and in his fall his head came in contact with the side of a boat. Another unknown man was found dead yesterday morning the dead floor at the foot of Thirteenth-st., E. R. Deceased was respectably dressed, and apparently about 40 years of age. Coroner Gamble held an inquest, and as there were no marks of violence on the body, the jury returned a verdict of "Death by drowning."

Fires.

IN A RESTAURANT.

At 11 o'clock yesterday morning, a fire broke out in the restaurant of Henry Fisher, in the basement of No. 539 Broadway, corner of Canal-street. The furniture and fixtures of the saloon were injured to the extent of about $1,000, and are insured for $600 in the New-Haven Insurance Company. J. Dunlap's boot and shoe store, on the first story, was damaged by fire and water to the extent of $300, and is insured in the Citizens' Insurance Company. The damage to the building, owned by Patrick Burke, amounts to about $200, and is insured in the Innsured Company. The stock of a clothing store in No. 541 Broadway, was damaged to the amount of $300, and is insured in the Rem Insurance Company. The cause of the fire is unknown.

IN A DWELLING-HOUSE.

The Second District alarm, at 11 o'clock last evening, was caused by a fire in a cottage-house, owned by a Mr. Boon, in Sixth-avenue, near Twenty-sixth-street. The total damage amounts to about $300, and is insured. The house was occupied by Mr. Thomas.

Serious Accident in the Harbor.

COLLISION BETWEEN THE GRENADA AND THE ICE.

The Spanish Grenada, Capt. JOHN MCGOWAN, from New-Orleans on the 20th and Havana on the 22d inst., arrived last evening with passengers and a small cargo to M. O. Roberts. Capt. McGowan states that he had very thick weather when approaching Sandy Hook, and it was with much difficulty that he reached the Bar, where he obtained a pilot. He came up the Bay without meeting with any mishap; and after being hailed by the news boat at Quarantine, the steamer proceeded towards the City in charge of the pilot. As the vessel was passing Governor's Island, she came into a large field of drift ice floating down the North River, and in consequence of the thick weather, and very dark, the pilot was unable to see the ice until it was close upon them, when it was too late to avoid a collision. The Grenada struck the ice with great force, and received a very heavy blow on her starboard bow, which stove in her timbers and started her forward bulkhead, extinguishing the fires, and the engines stopped. All hands were set to work removing the passengers' baggage and the bedding and furniture to the upper deck. This was accomplished before that deck had been reached by the water. Lines were then run to the Chambers-street pier, and an effort was made to get the steamer into that slip, but she soon sank to the bottom, having sunk to her guards. The passengers were all safely landed.

The cargo of the Grenada consists of 16 bales of cotton, 300 bbls. flour, 25 do. of stearine, and 25 do. of clarified sugar from New-Orleans, and a small quantity of cigars and tobacco from Havana. The latter will be a total loss. Should the hull be held in its present position, it is thought to be practicable to free her of water in a short time by the aid of steam-pumps. There is no insurance on the vessel.

The Arrival of Hon. Wm. H. Seward.

HIS RECEPTION AT THE ASTOR HOUSE—ONE HUNDRED GUNS FIRED IN THE PARK.

Hon. WM. H. SEWARD arrived in the steamship Arago at 9 o'clock last evening, in the enjoyment of improved health. In consequence of the snow-storm which prevailed during a part of the day, the steamer could not be seen from Sandy Hook when at the point where vessels are usually visible, and the fact that she was coming into the Harbor was not telegraphed until she was near at hand. There was time enough, however, for a few of Mr. SEWARD's personal and political friends to reach the pier before the vessel arrived, and as soon as she touched the dock, he was placed in a carriage and driven rapidly to the Astor House. One hundred guns, which were fired in the City Hall Park in honor of his return, gave notice of Mr. SEWARD's arrival to his friends, who gathered in large numbers at the Astor House, and greeted his appearance with three hearty cheers. After shaking hands with a number of gentlemen, whom he recognized as acquaintances, he proceeded to his room. A few of his most enthusiastic admirers followed him there, but, as it was understood that he was fatigued, the remainder took their departure.

The arrangements for to-day are as follows: The two Republican General Committees will wait upon Mr. SEWARD at 10½ o'clock this morning, at the Astor House, and between the hours of 12 and 2 he will receive his friends in the Chamber of the Board of Aldermen, City Hall. He will then return to the Astor House, and at 5 o'clock will leave the City for Auburn.

THE INFANTS' HOME.

Laying of the Corner Stone—Address by Rev. H. E. Montgomery.

The corner stone of the "The Infants' Home," an institution designed for the education and the support of illegitimate children, was laid at 3 P. M., yesterday, with appropriate ceremonies, on the ground set apart for it by the Common Council, corner of Fifty-first-street and Lexington-avenue, and immediately adjoining the "Nursery and Child's Hospital." Not many were present on the occasion, doubtless on account of the storm. Rev. HENRY E. MONTGOMERY, of the Church of the Incarnation, performed the religious services accompanying the ceremony, and the stone was rolled into its place, nominally by Mrs. MARY A. DUNCAN, First Directress of the "Nursery and Child's Hospital," really and truly by two laborers. Under the stone were deposited copies of the TIMES and *Express*, American coins, a bible, and other relics of this barbarous age. This done, all present repaired to the Methodist Church, in Fifteenth-street, where Rev. Mr. MONTGOMERY delivered an address.

Ex-Comptroller CHARLES H. HASWIN took the Chair, and Hon. ERASTUS BROOKS stated that Mayor TIEMANN would have been present had not his official duties detained him.

Rev. Mr. MONTGOMERY said: They were assembled on this occasion, in the midst of a season devoted to deeds of charity, to lay the corner-stone of the Infant's Home. It was designed for the illegitimate children of fallen women of previous good character, whose reception into such an asylum would in all probability, be the means of replacing the mother in the course of virtue and in the way of an honest livelihood. Mr. MONTGOMERY gave an outline of the history of the Institution here founded, which is the first institution of the kind inaugurated in the United States. About the middle of the preceding century Capt. THOMAS CORAM had projected a "Hospital for Foundlings," which was erected in London. At first, due care was not taken in the admission of foundlings, but in 1760 the system under which the Hospital is now conducted, was established. It was then made a Hospital for poor illegitimate children whose mothers were known. The objects of the "Infants' Home" were precisely the same, and the same care would be taken in its management to avoid the evils resulting from the indiscriminate reception of foundlings. The speaker combated the idea that in providing a refuge in which shame might hide itself, one of the very obstacles to the sin which the wholesome fear of that shame engenders was removed, and that, to a certain extent, the commission of the vice, the consequences of which your benevolence seeks to avert, is encouraged. The objection was answered by the simple fact that the sin whose consequences the institution was to endeavor to repair, needed for its frequent commission no encouragement but the natural weakness of the one sex and the wily seductions of the other, and had been the crying evil of humanity ever since the first transgression. We should not abolish from doing positive and active good because evil might incidentally result from elements of benevolence. If the doctrine were carried out that the good of society demanded the suppression of institutions whose aim it was to relieve suffering arising directly from sin, as if the relief afforded to the consequences of the guilt were a premium upon its repeated commission, what, he asked, would become of the various medical and surgical charities of Christendom? If it was right to adopt curative measures in one case it was in another. Such objections as those here noticed were at war with the whole nature and design of our religion. He drew a picture of the blessings which the "Infants' Home" might disseminate in a given instance, and said the language of the Institution, if it could speak, would be the exquisite lines wherewith the poet paraphrased the well-known incident in St. John's Gospel:

> Oh, woman, if by simple wile,
> Thy feet has strayed from honor's track,
> 'Tis Mercy only can beguile,
> By gentle ways, the wanderer back.
> Go, go—be innocent and live—
> The tongues of men may wound thee sore,
> But Heaven in pity can forgive,
> And bids thee "Go, and sin no more."

In support of the proposition that it was proper to establish such institutions, Mr. MONTGOMERY quoted what FIELDING, Dr. BURNS, SIDNEY SMITH, Sir THOMAS BERNARD and others have written on the subject, and adduced the testimony furnished by the annals of the Foundling Hospital in London. He dwelt upon the necessity of establishing such an institution in this City, and called attention to the incidental benefits that would result therefrom. It would be an admirable school for the study of infantile diseases. It would be a "training" school for the various useful employments of life. The speaker eulogized the Nursery and Child's Hospital, and the House of Mercy, and expressed the hope that the "Infants' Home" would be abundantly useful, and liberally supported. At the conclusion of the address, Mr. BROOKS moved a vote of thanks to the orator. It was carried. Mr. MONTGOMERY pronounced a benediction, and the audience separated.

NATIONAL HEALTH CONVENTION.

Second Day's Proceedings at the Cooper Institute—The Doctors Disagree.

In spite of the storm, about a hundred and fifty persons assembled at the Cooper Institute yesterday afternoon to attend the adjourned session of the Health Convention.

Dr. TRAIL was the first speaker. He called attention to the profound ignorance of most physicians as to the effect of the medicines which they administered. There was, in his opinion, too little attention paid to hygiene and hydropathy. The drug schools of physicians were contending among themselves as to what kind of drugs sick people should take. He and his associates believed there was no need of drugs. Nature never intended to provide a remedy for the infraction of her laws. The cure of disease was found only in coming under the right laws. He defied the drug physicians to explain the theory of any one disease, or the effect of any one medicine. The way to reform medical science was, to remove the temptation to the physician which the false state of society now presented. Was it right that it should be made a play-thing of interest to keep people sick? Yet people who would give one hundred dollars to get cured of Typhus fever, would grudge the giving of one dollar to know how they could live without having that disease. Let them pay their physicians for keeping them well, and he believed that the laws of hygiene would soon become more generally known. As it is now, diseases multiply as medicines and doctors increase. They cure one disease by producing another. In his opinion, he would not be willing to die under the care of a regular physician.

After Dr. TRAIL had concluded, Dr. JACKSON exhibited that he had been misrepresented as saying that disease were a great evil and a relic of the dark ages. He did not say that, he believed they were a salutary provision out of our mode of life. In a perfect state of society neither lawyers, ministers nor doctors would be required.

Miss FOX was the next speaker. She set women, she asked, with her ordinary education, a diseased wreck, presenting education with perpetual deterioration. Even did she understand her work, she could not perform it properly in her present condition. Modern education was not what was needed to quality her. Woman should be made to feel that life is not a burden to be borne; she has a claim to perfect womanhood. A proper education would teach her that pain and weariness and debility could become obsolete. Then man would realize the idea of a woman created thoroughly good. Had she received a proper education, her children need not be sick, or absent from the school-room or the play-ground, or be relieved from pain at the expense of debilitating and shortened life. It is not enough that girls at school get a smattering of physiology; the education should be complete; she needs to be taught definitely and in detail exactly what kind and what extent. Physiological education was the pearl of great price.

At the conclusion of Mrs. FOX's address, the Convention adjourned to 7 o'clock, P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

Dr. JACKSON opened the evening session with a few remarks. He thought that people did not fully appreciate their moral obligation to keep in a healthy condition. Men respected the rights of neighbors in the matter of property, and kept the ten commandments, but doubted up their fists in the face of God in the matter of attention to their physical health.

Miss HARRIET ACKIN, of Rensselaer, N. Y., a lady of about 25 years, dressed in the Bloomer costume, was then introduced. After speaking of the causes of sickness in both sexes, and of the necessity of health to the true performance of our duties in life, she spoke of the importance of a judicious amount of amusement, as inseparable from cheerfulness, to the natural laws governing human health. Recreation it was for the Pennsylvania Dutch and the Mormon women to equal the men in strength and physical vigor. Did not this prove that woman's frame was susceptible of healthful, muscular development? Was not this development the solemn duty of the mother to her children? Women generally transgressed the physical law more than men, in various ways. One of these was her style of dress. Did not her whole apparel baffle all supposition as to the true shape of a woman's form? Did fashionable women with legs, or was their shape more objectionable than those of the men? If it was immodest to expose them, was it not highly so to exhibit them in a muddy condition at the street-crossings? How could a woman have the natural use of her legs, with a dress extending to the ground?

The speaker advocated the American or Bloomer costume, with the hat covering the head, as the most advantageous to health, providing all the garments were made loose enough to allow full play to the respiratory and muscular organs. In the words of another, the woman's dress emancipation movement had against it "fashion, taste, custom, dealers in dry goods, undertakers and the sentiment of the street, and in its favor health, comfort, economy and common sense." [Applause.] Miss ACKIN quoted a number of instances which had come to her knowledge where the reform dress had been adopted with physical advantage by prominent and accomplished women. She had worn the dress herself for eight years, and believed more firmly than ever that the long dresses were unfit to be worn. [Applause.]

Dr. JACKSON followed with a few remarks, and returned thanks for the attention which had been given, especially to the lady speakers. The meeting adjourned, to meet at Dr. TRAIL's, No. 13 Laight-street, this evening.

CITY GOVERNMENT.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

CLOSING PROCEEDINGS—THE BIBLE QUESTION AGAIN—REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE—VOTE OF THANKS, &C.

At the meeting of the Board of Education last evening, (the last of the Board of 1859), a communication was received from the School Officers of the Fourth Ward, re-stating their position in relation to the refusal of the teachers to read the Bible in their schools, and recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President and Clerk of this Board be and they are authorized and directed to sign no warrants in favor of the Principals of the Grammar, Primary Schools, and Primary Departments, for the Fourth, Sixth and Fourteenth Wards, for their salaries for the months of September, October, November, and December, last past.

Mr. DOCHERTY moved the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. ADAMS moved to lay it on the table, which was carried by a vote of 21 to 12.

The certificate of the Clerk of the Common Council was received, setting forth the names of the School Officers elected at the last election. It was ordered to be printed in the minutes.

The annual report of the Committee on Finance was received and ordered to be printed as follows:

Excess of Appropriation of 1858	$154,824 22
Current Expenses	1,091,175 68
Total	$1,246,000 00
Appropriations for special purposes, 1859	$121,177 26
Expended for all other purposes	987,459 37
Total	$1,118,636 73
Available fund	1,091,175 68
Balance against Board	$27,461 05

Votes of thanks to the President, to Mr. CASSIDY, Chairman of the Finance Committee; to Mr. THOMAS BEZZA, Clerk of the Board; to Dr. EAGAN, Chairman of the Normal School Committee; to Mr. GILDERSLEEVE, Chairman of the Evening School Committee, were passed unanimously.

Before the vote of thanks to Mr. GILDERSLEEVE had been passed upon, Mr. TUCKER moved to amend by thanking each member and all the Clerks and attaches of the Board. The amendment was accepted by Mr. ADAMS, who had made the motion, and then the Board adjourned.

COMMISSIONERS OF EMIGRATION.

SPECIAL BUSINESS—WEEKLY REPORT OF ARRIVALS.

The Commissioners of Emigration met yesterday, Mr. CUSHING in the Chair. Mr. JELLINGHAUS called the attention of the Board to the case of a sailor named GEORGE LINEHAN, who arrived here from St. Domingo by the brig *Helen Jane*, and being sick, applied to the Seamen's Retreat, Staten Island, for admittance, and was refused. The matter was referred to the Vice-President, with power. He would be sent to Ward's Island.

The weekly statement shows that there have been 1,739 arrivals of emigrants since the last report, and 38,026 received for commutation; total number of arrivals during the year here been 79,070. Total to same time last year was 77,460. Excess of the present over last year's arrivals, 1,610. The number of inmates in the institutions, 790.

THE NEW MAYOR TAKES THE OATH OF OFFICE.

Mr. FERNANDO WOOD and ex-Judge BRONSON presented themselves at the Mayor's Office yesterday, and took the official oaths administered by Mayor TIEMANN. The oath of the Mayor,—which is the same, *mutatis mutandis*, with that of the Corporation Counsel—was as follows:

I, FERNANDO WOOD, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New-York; and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Mayor of the City of New-York according to the best of my ability. FERNANDO WOOD.

Subscribed and sworn before me, the 29th day of December, 1859. DANIEL F. TIEMANN, Mayor.

It is rumored that Col. BURBIAN, of the Twenty-second Ward, is to be Marshal under the new régime, instead of Mr. SWEENEY, and that Mr. HERCHMAN, the Assistant Marshal, will be retained.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Representatives of the Fire Department was held last evening in Firemen's Hall, Mercer-street. A number of reports of committees were presented and acted upon, but no business of general public interest was transacted.

The Weather.

A COLD SNAP—STATE OF THE MERCURY ALONG THE HUDSON AND THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

Whoever ventured out of doors yesterday experienced the coldest weather which we have had this season. Stage-drivers muffled themselves up so that their eyes only were visible, and even then the poor fellows longed to reach the end of their routes, that they might dismount, and set their blood in circulation; conductors had many pretexts for taking shelter under their cars, despite the rules which shut them out on the platform during the coldest and most stormy weather; and business-men found that their first duty on reaching their offices, if they had been reckless enough to take their usual walk down town, was to thaw off the icicles from their beards. About noon the gray clouds which had gradually been gathering began to fulfill their promise of a snow-storm. Visions of sleigh-rides danced before many eyes, but unfortunately the atmosphere grew colder and colder, until the flakes ceased falling, and the sky finally became clear. During this flurry, Broadway presented a singular appearance. The Russ pavement became so slippery that the stages found themselves obliged to take to the side streets, and until the snow ceased falling that thoroughfare was silent.

This exceedingly cold snap will undoubtedly close the navigation of the Hudson. For the first time this Winter, there was a clear sheet of ice formed over the channel at Poughkeepsie. Between this City and Yonkers the floating ice was frozen together.

At 6 o'clock yesterday morning the mercury was six degrees below zero, and last evening it was still lower. The thermometer ranged as follows at some of the principal points between this City and Troy, at 6 o'clock yesterday morning:

Yonkers, 6 deg. below zero; Tarrytown and Sing-Sing, 3 deg. below zero; Peekskill, 4 deg. below zero; Cornwall, 5 deg. below zero; Newburgh, 6 deg. below zero; Poughkeepsie, 7 deg. below zero; Rhinebeck, 8 deg. below zero; Hudson, 9 deg. below zero; Stockport, 10 deg. below zero; Catskill, 11 deg. below zero; Coxsackie, 12 deg. below zero; Athens, 13 deg. below zero; Stuyvesant, 14 deg. below zero; Kinderhook, 15 deg. below zero; Albany, 16 deg. below zero; Troy, 17 deg. below zero.

Albany—6 A. M.—Thermometer 16° below zero.

Rensselaer—6 A. M.—Thermometer 16° below zero.

Troy—6 A. M.—Thermometer 17° below zero.

St. Johnsville—6 A. M.—Thermometer 10° below zero.

Montreal—6 A. M.—Weather clear and very cold. Thermometer 10° below zero. The river not yet frozen over opposite the city. Water very high. The lower part of Griffintown flooded.

Quebec—1.10 P. M.—Weather very cold. Thermometer 11° below zero this morning. 9 inches snow.

Philadelphia—2 P. M.—Thermometer 20° above zero this morning. It commenced a swing at 11 o'clock. Wind northeast.

BROOKLYN INTELLIGENCE.

THE FERRY MEETING.—There was no forty meeting held in the City Hall last evening—the time to which the last meeting was adjourned—because no decision has yet been made on the injunction granted by Judge Roosevelt. A few people, with the officers of the last meeting, assembled in the Governor's room, when it was left with the chairman—Passenger Jennings—to call the parties together again whenever he may deem it expedient.

HELD TO ANSWER.—A man named WILLIAM HOBART was brought before Justice Connell, and committed in full, to answer a charge of assault and battery with a deadly weapon, preferred by Sarah Fagan, grocer, corner of Bergen and Flatbush streets. The accuser, with a friend named TROY, went into Fagan's place and made an attack upon him, it is alleged, without any provocation.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—A boy named PETER TROUSER, residing at the corner of North Third and Fourth streets, died yesterday from injuries received by a coal cart tipping upon him. An inquest was held, and a verdict of accidental death rendered.

An Indignant Senate.

A cold reply of Gov. STEWART, of Missouri, to an inquiry of the Senate of that State, seems to have produced a very warm feeling in that body. The Senate called upon the Governor for information concerning the evidence which caused him to issue bonds to the Cairo and Fulton Railroad. The Governor returned the following laconic answer:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, Dec. 11.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE: I am in receipt of your very polite note. H. M. STEWART.

Whereupon the Senate, on motion of Mr. WATKINS, adopted the following pungent resolution:

Resolved by the Senate, That the communication from the Governor, in answer to a call upon him by that body, for the evidence upon which he authorized the issuing of the bonds of the State to the Cairo and Fulton Railroad, is undignified, not responsive, and ought not to be received. It is therefore made the duty of the Secretary to return to the Executive said communication, together with the resolution.

His Excellency's communication was accordingly returned to him, and there the matter rests.

THE FIRE IN NEWARK.—After a full investigation into the causes of the fire which occurred in Newark on Monday, by which Mrs. LYONS lost her life, the Coroner's Jury rendered the following verdict:

"We find that the deceased, ALICE LYONS, came to her death on the morning of the 26th of December, by being burned in the building in the rear of No. 48 Court-street, and that the origin of the fire we believe to be caused by design, but by whom, is to this jury unknown."

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—Dec. 28.

$14,000 Tenn. 6s '90	90	51 Mich. Cen. R'd bill	59¾
1,000 Missouri S. 6s	63¾	200 do	59
1,000 California S. 7s	88	50 do	s30 59⅞
1,000 N. C. State 6s	96	100 M. S. & N. In. RR.	4¾
1,000 Virginia S. 6s	94¾	200 do	5
4,000 do	94¾	10 M.S.&N.I.g'd s'k	42
1,000 E. Tenn. 1st M. B.	69	100 do	42¾
2,000 R. R. 2d M. B.	77½	50 Panama R.	s15 128½
1,000 E. R. Ct. B. '62	99¾	50 do	pbc 128¾
1,000 H. Bor. 1st	94	50 do	cap 128¾
1,000 M. R. Sg. Fd. Bs.	86	100 Ill. Central R.	b30 59¼
1,000 Ill. Cen. R. Bs.	90	10 do	59
45 Bank of Commerce	99¾	50 Clev., Col. & Cin. R.	96
30 Am. Ex. Bank	98¼	16 Galena & Chicago R.	96
35 Chatham Bank	94¾	50 do	s30 64¾
12 Bank of Republic	100	100 do	s30 64¾
200 Pac. M. S. Co.	b60 77¼	100 do	s30 64⅞
50 do	76¾	10 do	b30 64¾
50 do	s30 76¾	400 do	64¾
25 Mi. Central R.	75¾	50 do	s15 64¾
185 do	75¾	250 Clev. & Toledo R.	19
100 do	s10 75¾	200 do	19¾
300 do	s30 75¾	100 do	b30 64¾
200 do	s60 75	200 Chicago & R. I. R.	63¾
100 do	s5 75	100 do	s10 63¾
300 do	b30 75¼	100 do	b10 63¾
100 do	s10 75	50 do	s7 63¾
200 Harlem Rail'd	b60 24	50 do	s10 63¾
100 do	24	50 do	s10 63¾

SECOND BOARD.

$5,000 Tenn. 6s '90	90	100 Erie Railroad	38¾
5,000 Virginia S. 6s	94¾	400 Hudson R. R.	41¾
5,000 do	94¾	50 Chi. & N. W. R.	b60 44¾
10,000 Missouri S. 6s	63¾	200 do	43¾
1,000 Ill. Cen. Bs	89	100 Reading Railroad	41¾
8,000 H. Riv. R. 2d M.	88¾	100 M. S. & N. I. G.S.	60 17
70 Union Bank	99	50 Panama R.	s15 128¾
200 N. Y. Cent. R.	s60 75¾	100 do	s60 127¾
50 do	s10 75¾	50 Ill. Cen. R.	b30 59
50 do	b60 75¾	200 Gal. & Chi. R.	64¾
450 do	75¾	50 do	s15 64¾
100 do	s60 75¼	250 do	b30 65

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 28—P. M.

The awards of the Treasury Bids at Washington yesterday were not communicated officially to the bidders here by the morning's mail, but a number of them have already deposited part of the Money on the authority of the telegraphic report. The whole sum left with the Sub-Treasurer to-day is about $500,000. The Wall-street Money Brokers will receive of the 6 ⅌ cent. Bids nearly as follows:

Riggs & Co.	$775,000	Hoffman	$100,000
Drexel	625,000	Thompson	100,000
Trevor	100,000	Marié	50,000
Total			$1,750,000

The remainder appears to have been taken for temporary investment: The Bank of Commerce $100,000; U. S. Trust Co., $100,000; R. L. & A. STUART, $125,000; various savings institutions, insurance companies, &c., about $900,000. The only resales we hear of to-day amount to $17,000, at ¼ of 1-4⅌ cent. premium. The fact that the present award is at the extreme rate of 6 ⅌ cent. ⅌ annum interest, will, no doubt, influence the holders of the 4½ ⅌ cents, now falling due, to send the bills forward for prompt redemption. The amount due at the close of this month is $1,100,000.

Although the Treasury Operation caused some shifting of Money this forenoon, the general supply to the Brokers was not perceptibly influenced, and the rate is easy at the close of the day at 6 ⅌ cent. The State Canal Auditor is now paying off about $2,000,000 on Certificates for Arrearages, of which $800,000 will be paid directly to the Bank of Commerce and other holders in this City. The business in Discounts this week is quite steady, with little or no alteration in rates. The large Banks are disposed to accommodate the heavy preparations making for the close of the Old Year. In the Foreign Exchanges, the rates talked of for Saturday's steamers, (of which there will be three, and perhaps four, for Europe,) are 109¾@109¾ on London, standard Bankers here, and 109@109¼ for transient Bills, and f.5.17½@f.5.16¼ on Paris, by leading drawers here, and £5.20@£5.18¾ for Southern.

There was a lower Stock Market in the early part of the day for the Share list, particularly Galena and Chicago and New-York Central, but the demand improved in the afternoon, and prices were steadier at the close than on Tuesday. Central 75½, as against 75¼ ⅌ cent., after selling down to 75 ⅌ cent. at the first Board. A rumor, which turned out to be anonymous, or at all events unauthorized, was circulated in the morning, to the effect that the Galena Company will give no cash dividend in February. The shares fell upon this to 64¾ ⅌ cent., but subsequently recovered to 65 ⅌ cent. The latest letters from Chicago speak of the dividend in cash as certain, and the answers to inquiries by telegraph to-day are to the same purport. In sympathy with the further decline in Central and Galena this morning, Rock Island fell off to 62¾, but afterwards sold at 63¾ cash, and 63¾ buyer 60 days. The other Western Roads were a fraction weaker than on Tuesday, although the returns of the third week's traffic in September came in well, with the single exception of Galena, where there is a slight falling off from the corresponding week last season. Pacific fell off to 128¾ cash, and 127¾ seller 60 days, and Pacific Mail was dull at 76¼@¾. Hudson shares firm at 41¾; the Second mortgages, 98¾ sales, and for the First Mortgages, 105 ⅌ cent. bid. Not much done in Erie shares. The Second Mortgages rose to 92¾ ⅌ cent., and the Convertibles sold at 79¾ ⅌ cent. The State Stocks same as yesterday, except Virginia, which rose to 94¾@¾ ⅌ cent. Illinois Central Bonds firmer at 95 ⅌ cent. The general market this afternoon left off steady.

We are furnished by one of the Directors of the New-York Central Company, with the following figures, which, in a semi-official form, were delivered to the Stockholders at their annual meeting, on Monday last:

Earnings, passenger	[illegible]
Earnings, freight	[illegible]
Earnings, mail	[illegible]
Earnings, express	[illegible]
Earnings, rents	[illegible]
Earnings, miscellaneous	[illegible]
Total	[illegible]
Expenses	$4,[illegible]
Sinking Fund, 1857	[illegible]
Sinking Fund, 1858	[illegible]
Sinking Fund, others	[illegible]
Interest	[illegible]
Rent, Niagara Falls	[illegible]
Net for Dividend	[illegible]

As the Dividend declared is 4 ⅌ cent. on $[illegible], 000, the resulting surplus is $217,[illegible], after cutting down the December and January earnings to the low figures of last season, and adding 2 ⅌ cent. to the ordinary rate of expenses; that is, 46 ⅌ cent. is estimated for the business above August, as against 54 ⅌ cent., the official rate, on the business of last year.

The subscriptions to the Plan for Reorganizing the Finances of the Erie Company will close under the original stipulation, on Saturday next, December 31. The subscriptions have come in so rapidly within the past few days, that all the new certificates cannot be filled up at once, and as the essential point in the minds of Board was those holders to the arrangement before the close of the year, we suppose that they merely subscribe their names at once, without surrendering the old securities until such time as the Secretary and Trustees may be able to make out the evidences of claim upon the new organization. We fear that the subscription for the Continent of Europe remains open at Berlin until January 1, and for the English holders at London until the same time.

The Bank of Commerce has declared a half-yearly Dividend of 3½ ⅌ cent.

We understand that the half-yearly net profits of the Michigan Central Road, to 30th November ult., are equal to $155,000, and that after appropriating $75,000 to the Sinking Fund, about $110,000, or a little less than 3 ⅌ cent., will remain for division hereafter among the stockholders.

The American Fire Insurance Company has declared an Interest Dividend of 5 ⅌ cent., payable Jan. 3. The Great Western Marine Insurance Company has declared the usual semi-annual Interest Dividend of 3½ ⅌ cent. on its cash capital of one million dollars. The Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank will pay interest at the rate of 6 ⅌ cent. ⅌ annum on deposits of $500 and under, and at the rate of 5 ⅌ cent. ⅌ annum on larger amounts on the 16th of January.

The Sub-Treasury receipts, to-day, were $488,348; payments, $294,304; balance, this afternoon, $6,491,109.

Commercial News by the Arago.

The successful introduction of the Ocean Marine Insurance Company has led to the formation of another, to be called the Universal Marine Insurance Company, with a nominal capital of £1,000,000 in 2,000 shares.

Forty ingots of gold, worth about £30,000 and £240 in coin were received from the *Regal Charter* on Monday last.

The advices from Marseilles state that the failure of the Franco-Belge Sugar Refinery at that port has caused great